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Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for your enquiry of 19 February in which you requested information on the EU Settlement Scheme. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

With respect to the EU Settlement Scheme, please provide the following information:

1. *The number of refusals as of on the basis of section EU15 or EU16 in the Immigration Rules, Appendix EU*
2. *The number of refusals on the basis of section EU15 or EU16 in the Immigration Rules, Appendix EU broken down according to:*
 - 2a. *Section EU15*
 - 2b. *Section EU16 (a)*
 - 2c. *Section EU16 (b)*
 - 2d. *Section EU16 (c)(i)*
 - 2e. *Section EU16 (c) (ii)*
 - 2f. *Section EU16 (d)*
 - 2g. *Section EU16 (e)*
3. *The number of appealed refusals to date*

Response

Under section 12 of the Act, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

We hold the information which you have requested but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. We are therefore unable to comply with it.

To produce a report or data relating to the reasons why any application has been rejected or refused we would have to manual trawl through every individual case record to obtain this data as it is not recorded in reportable field on our case management system.

This would be neither cost nor resource effective therefore under section 12(1) of the Act, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the designated cost limit. We believe that to provide the information you are seeking would breach this cost limit and as such we are unable to supply it to you.

The Home Office is not obliged to comply with any information request where the prescribed cost of supplying you with the information exceeds £600. The £600 limit applies to all central government departments and is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 24 hours work per request. Prescribed costs include those which cover the cost of locating, retrieving and extracting information. They do not include considering whether any information is exempt from disclosure, overheads such as heating or lighting, or disbursements such as photocopying or postage.

If you were to resubmit a more specific request of narrower scope then we would reconsider it, although we cannot guarantee that any information covered by a narrower request would be disclosed. Further information about resubmitting a more specific request can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/refusing-a-request/>

Please note that if you simply break your request down into a series of similar smaller requests, we might still decline to answer it if the total cost exceeds £600.

Even if a revised request were to fall within the cost limit, it is possible that other exemptions in the Act might apply.

I can confirm that the latest **overall** published refusal figure of 38,900 quoted in the table below which represents 0.8% of the total number of EUSS applications that the Home Office has received.

The latest headline figures show that (up to 31st January 2020):

- overall, the total number of applications received was 5,060,600

- overall, the total number of applications concluded was 4,678,300

Settled	Pre-settled	Refused	Withdrawn or void	Invalid
53% (2,497,600)	44% (2,039,800)	0.8% (38,900)	1% (51,400)	1% (50,600)

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference 62752. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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<http://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/108105TAZNG>