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Dear Chai Patel / Mary Atkinson,

Thank you for your enquiry of 3 August 2022, in which you requested information relating to foreign nationals registering with the Police. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Information Requested

*Please treat the following as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please disclose the number of people who have been required by the Home Office to register with their local police from 01/01/2017 up until the date on which this FOI is responded to. Please provide a breakdown of this total by the nationality of each individual.*

### Response

Under Section 12(1) of the FOIA, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the appropriate limit.

The cost of locating and collating any relevant information and extracting the information to meet your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The £600 limit is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 24 hours of work per request. The cost of locating, retrieving and extracting information can be included in the costs for these purposes.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, you may find it helpful to know that the information you have requested is not held in a reportable field in one system. Therefore, to provide the information you have requested, would require a vast amount of manual work to review every case record to obtain it. The time and resource required to complete this task would undoubtedly exceed the cost limit set by the FOIA.

Unfortunately, we are unable to suggest how this question can be reworded to bring it within the cost threshold.

It is open to you to resubmit a new request for the elements of your request you still wish to pursue. Please note, if a new request requires a significant amount of manual searching of files, this will also exceed the cost limit for the same reasons outlined above.

If you simply break your request down into a series of similar smaller requests, this exemption may still apply if the total cost exceeds £600. Finally, even if a revised request were to fall within the cost limit, it is possible that other exemptions in the Act might apply.

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](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk), quoting reference **71153**. 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.

A link to the Home Office Information Rights Privacy Notice can be found in the following link. This explains how we process your personal information: - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/information-rights-privacy-notice>

Yours sincerely

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We value your feedback, please use the link below to access a brief anonymous survey to help us improve our service to you:

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