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Via: request-609947-7bd80500@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Reid,

We refer to your request of 8 October, where you asked:

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Please tell me how many British citizens have applied for passports of other EU countries since the Brexit vote and how many have moved to other EU countries?

Further to my request in August last year. Your department presumably is responsible for considering the effect of Britain leaving the EU on British citizens. Last year you said that you did not hold information on UK citizens applying for passports of other European Union countries or moving to other EU countries.

This must be a hugely important side effect of the vote in the referendum. I would like to know now what monitoring is the UK Government doing on this issue and what steps the Department for Exiting the European Union is taking to evaluate this effect on British citizens?

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We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'). We note your reference to DExEU's response to your request DEX001420 in August 2018.

The Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU) does not hold information within the scope of your request.

How many British citizens have applied for passports in other EU member states since 26 June 2016 and how many have moved to other EU member states is information which may be held by the governments of those states.

DExEU is not monitoring the issue and does not hold information as to monitoring by the Government on the issue.

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Yours sincerely,

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