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Dear Mr Lam

Thank you for your email of 25 January in which you ask for information regarding passports issued in 2023.

Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**I would like to ask for information regarding the number of UK passports issued in 2023.**

- 1. The number of passports issued each month in 2023 split by passport type.**
- 2. The number of valid British passports split by passport type as of 31 December 2023.**

I am able to disclose the information requested on the attached annex.

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Yours sincerely

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## 1. The number of passports issued each month in 2023 split by passport type.

The table below holds date on passports issued in 2023 split by passport type.\*

Month	GBDE	GBDO	GBN	GBO	GBP	GBR	GBSE	GBSN	Grand Total
Jan	23	1,160	2,946	112	15	866,172	136	16	870,580
Feb	23	1,337	2,181	66	20	1,014,316	233	9	1,018,185
March	40	1,913	2,546	94	17	1,034,232	234	7	1,039,083
April	35	1,907	1,369	42	7	632,107	93	3	635,563
May	18	1,511	2,475	84	12	704,517	157	7	708,781
June	50	2,662	2,576	93	21	716,731	178	6	722,317
July	52	2,138	1,851	90	19	540,408	128	9	544,695
Aug	28	2,095	2,445	78	18	512,296	147	7	517,114
Sept	24	1,347	2,269	66	13	482,017	131	4	485,871
Oct	37	1,182	2,316	90	15	491,255	95	3	494,993
Nov	38	1,140	2,092	85	18	430,486	100	4	433,963
Dec	59	1,318	1,642	57	10	333,788	75	4	336,953
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>19,710</b>	<b>26,708</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>7,758,325</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>7,808,098</b>

We have provided below the key to passport types provided.

GBDE - British Dependent Territories Citizen, Gibraltar

GBDO - British Dependent Territories Citizen

GBN - British National Overseas

GBO - British Overseas Citizen

GBP - British Protected Person

GBR - British citizen

GBSE - British subject with right of abode in UK

GBSN - British subject without right of abode

## 2. The number of valid British passports split by passport type as of 31 December 2023.\*

Passport type	Number of valid passports
British Citizen	51,291,365
British National (Overseas)	719,973
British Overseas Citizen	10,177
British Overseas Territories	105,879
British Protected Person	1,093
British subject with right of abode in UK	22081
British subject without right of abode	632

\*These figures have been taken from a live operational database and as such, numbers may change as information on that database is updated.