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Dear Mr Lo

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 14 January in which you ask for information on the number and type of UK passports issued in 2019.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please disclose the following information:

1) The number of passports issued each month (i.e. January, February, March,, December) in 2019 split by passport type (i.e. BC, BOTC, BN(O), BOC, BS, BPP).

The table below shows the number of passports issued by month and type of UK passport issued for the calendar year 2019.

Month	GBDE	GBDO	GBN	GBO	GBP	GBR	GBSE	GBSN
January	28	1,028	2,203	97	10	590,680	207	8
February	14	1,193	1,724	113	12	667,265	248	5
March	16	1,468	2,195	121	13	887,654	289	4
April	12	1,411	2,550	95	9	719,135	245	6
May	19	1,825	2,560	111	8	639,813	209	6
June	14	1,308	2,559	90	6	568,044	142	10
July	20	2,012	9,273	125	6	563,878	164	3
August	27	1,616	11,548	91	12	467,650	152	6
September	24	1,209	34,191	150	7	429,616	150	4
October	16	1,592	39,858	137	8	451,180	140	3
November	15	1,176	22,426	99	9	345,468	133	10
December	21	916	23,131	61	6	223,539	73	1

2) The number of valid British passports split by passport type (i.e. BC, BOTC, BN(O), BOC, BS, BPP) as at 31 December 2019.

The table below shows the number of valid UK passports split by passport type as at 31 December 2019.

Passport Type	Number of valid passports as at 31 December 2019
GBDE	2,240
GBDO	61,151
GBN	314,779
GBO	12,192
GBP	1,252
GBR	51,116,513
GBSE	31,659
GBSN	795

Yours sincerely

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Abbreviations Code Key

Code	Description
GBDE	British, British Dependent Territories Citizen, Gibraltar - eligible to hold an EU type passport
GBDO	British, British Dependent Territories Citizen, non-EU passport
GBN	British National Overseas, non-EU passport
GBO	British Overseas Citizen, non-EU passport
GBP	British Protected Person, non-EU passport
GBR	British Citizen
GBSE	British Subject, with right of abode in UK, eligible to hold an EU type passport
GBSN	British subject, without Right of Abode (ROA)-non EU passport entitlement (relates to individuals who became a British subject without citizenship on 1 January 1983) To obtain this an individual must have been a British subject on 31 December 1948 but did not become a citizen of the UK and Colonies, a Commonwealth country, Pakistan or Ireland. They do not qualify for ROA as they were not born, adopted, registered or naturalised in the UK / have not lived in the UK for five years continuously before 1 January 1983.