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Dear Mr Lam

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 25 January in which you ask for information regarding the figure and type of passports issued in 2020

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

- 1. The number of passports issued each month (i.e. January, February, March...December) in 2020 split by passport type (British Citizen, Gibraltar Citizen, British Overseas Territories Citizens of Gibraltar, British Overseas Territories Citizens of other British Overseas Territories, British subjects with Right of Abode in UK, British Subjects without Right of Abode in UK, British Overseas Citizen, British National (Overseas) and British Overseas Territories Citizen.**
- 2. The number of valid British passports split by passport type as at 31 January 2021.**

I am able to disclose the information set out in the enclosed Annex.

Yours sincerely

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ANNEX

The table below shows the number of passports issued by month and type of UK passports issued for the calendar year 2020.

Month	GBDE	GBDO	GBN	GBO	GBP	GBR	GBSE	GBSN
January	27	943	29,208	120	10	578,436	129	5
February	21	1,136	7,907	104	9	574,059	210	5
March	16	1,174	6,409	63	5	469,935	152	5
April	4	75	388	5	0	73,715	13	1
May	5	508	2,227	11	1	123,611	22	1
June	4	550	7,008	31	2	222,546	53	1
July	22	833	24,343	49	4	337,114	86	3
August	38	843	31,574	38	5	273,184	114	0
September	56	947	48,496	57	5	264,790	91	1
October	51	879	59,307	62	5	241,705	81	4
November	48	652	58,610	58	7	250,040	64	0
December	27	699	39,636	53	4	221,496	63	4

The table below shows the number of valid passport types split by passport type as at 31 December 2020. *

Passport Nationality Type	Number of valid Passports
GBR	49,438,927
GBN	622,981
GBO	11,364
GBDE	2,404
GBDO	68,604
GBP	1,159
GBSE	29,048
GBSN	720
Grand Total	50,175,207

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

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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 -non EU passport entitlement