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Dear Ms Palumbo

**Freedom of Information request – 42758**

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 February 2017, in which you ask for information regarding people removed from the UK. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We also advised you that some of the information you requested was being considered under the exemptions in section 31(1) (e) of the Act, which relates to the operation of immigration control and section 27 (1) (a) prejudice to international relations; and that in order to consider the public interest test fully we needed to extend the 20 working day response period until 24 March 2017.

Specifically you asked,

***“Please provide answers to the following requests regarding people removal from the UK.***

- 1) Total number of people removed from the UK in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016;***
- 2) Number of people removed divided in Males, Females, Children for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016;***
- 3) Number of people removed by nationality by year for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016;***
- 4) Number of people removed by reason of removal (Overstayed, refused 'leave to enter', entered illegally etc.) by year for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016;***
- 5) Has the government payed flights and/or any other transportation for the removal of these people?”***

We are now in a position to provide a full reply to your request. I am able to disclose the following information set out in the enclosed **Annex A & B**.

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.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk), quoting reference **42758**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.



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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this

response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

**Immigration Enforcement Secretariat**

## Annex

In relation to questions 1 to 3 inclusive, we believe that the information you have requested is already reasonably accessible to you. It can be found on the GOV.UK website, alternatively via the following links:

The requested information can be found in Table rt\_01-3,  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/593031/returns1-q4-2016-tables.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/593031/returns1-q4-2016-tables.ods)  
and  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/593032/returns2-q4-2016-tables.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/593032/returns2-q4-2016-tables.ods).

Additionally, statistics that cover the period of October to December 2016 release, provides the latest figures on those subject to immigration control and is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016>.

A full list of tables is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016/list-of-tables>.

The 'User Guide to Home Office Immigration Statistics' is designed to be a useful reference guide with explanatory notes on the issues and classifications in the Home Office's quarterly Immigration Statistics releases.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/user-guide-to-home-office-immigration-statistics--9>

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already reasonably accessible to you. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated, please contact me again.

Under section 12 of the Act, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

In relation to question 4, we hold the information which you have requested but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. We do not currently have the information you requested in a reportable field on our case management system. In order to answer your question we would have to search each record case by case which would exceed cost limit. We are therefore unable to comply with it.

