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Dear Mr Ridley

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Help to Buy

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 10 March 2016.

You asked for the following information:

"My question is, out of all those people helped by Help to Buy, what percentage were British Citizens. For those who are not British Citizens, please provide a breakdown for EU and Non-EU Citizens, ideally with a breakdown of numbers for each country..."

I can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold information within the scope of your request.

As you may be aware, a person that wishes to participate in the Help to Buy Scheme must meet eligibility criteria. In order to be eligible for a Government bonus under the Help to Buy ISA scheme, an individual must be a resident of the UK.

Additionally, households that use Help to Buy are required to mortgage the property they are purchasing. Mortgage lenders will need an established record of earning and living in the UK in order to offer a mortgage against a UK property.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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