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Dear Mr Brown

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 52114

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 January 2019, in which you ask for information about HM Passport Office (HMPO) spend. Your full request is shown at Annex A. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I confirm that the Home Office holds the information which you have requested. However, we believe that the information is already reasonably accessible to you. It can be found at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/home-office-spending">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/home-office-spending</a>. HMPO are part of the Home Office (HO) and HO spend information is available by Year e.g. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-spending-over-25000-2018">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-spending-over-25000-2018</a> for 2018, with monthly data published e.g. January 2018, and the data viewed / filtered by Expense area

Section 21(1) of the FOIA 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.

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 <a href="mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk">foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk</a>, quoting reference 52114. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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

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## Annex A

----Original Message----

From: Spend Network [mailto:request-547294-78e17780@whatdotheyknow.com]

Sent: 26 January 2019 19:15

To: FOI

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request - Trouble accessing spending

information

Dear HM Passport Office,

I am struggling to access your spending information regarding transactions over £25,000 on your website. Please can you rectify this issue as soon as possible or provide me with your data.

Yours faithfully,

George Brown

Spend Network