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Dear Mr Hugkulstone

Thank you for your enquiry of 22 October in which you requested a variety of information regarding representations made to Sopra Steria. Your enquiries have been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

Since November 2018, Sopra Steria in partnership with UK Visas and Immigration have introduced a new service for customers in the UK applying to extend their stay or apply for citizenship. To complete the applications process customers must book an appointment either at one of six core locations in major cities during office hours on a free to use basis or take advantage of an enhanced user-pay service in 50 local libraries.

FOI Request:

For the period between 1st May 2019 and the most recent date you possess records for (please confirm this date in your response), please can you kindly confirm the following:

- The overall total number of appointments booked by customers during the abovementioned period at the Premium Lounge Service Point 20 Mark Lane London.



- The overall total number of appointments booked by customers during the period at the Bournemouth Service Point Bournemouth Library, 22 The Triangle Bournemouth
- The overall number of appointments booked by customers 'on a free to use basis' during the period at the Croydon Core Service Point Bedford Point, 35 Dingwall Road Croydon
- The overall total number of appointments booked by customers during the period at the Croydon Core Service Point Bedford Point, 35 Dingwall Road Croydon that incurred an additional appointment booking fee i.e. for out of hours / next day / same day appointment.

This request mirrors the information provided earlier this year under FOI Response 53442

Response

| | | May 19 to 31st Oct 19 - Booked Appt Volume |
|--------------------------|------------|---|
| Mark Lane Premium Lounge | | 16030 |
| | | |
| Bournemouth | | 754 |
| | | |
| Croydon | Free | 68879 |
| Croydon | Chargeable | 61090 |

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Yours sincerely

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