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Dear Mr Lam

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 25 September in which you ask for information regarding British National (Overseas) Passports.

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

### **The total number of British National (Overseas) passports that currently are in circulation as of 30 Sep 2020**

\*Her Majesty's Passport Office can confirm the figure for British National (Overseas) passports currently in circulation as of 2 October 2020 is 469,416.

### **As at 30 Sep 2020, the total number of British National (Overseas) passport applications work in progress**

### **The total number of British National (Overseas) passport applications that will need to be worked through once initial documentation has been received and allocated**

Her Majesty's Passport Office does not hold the information which you have requested. We are unable to provide data for the number of British National (Overseas) passport applications received. The volume of applications received for British passports is not broken down into nationality types on receipt.

We can only provide data by nationality type for applications that have been processed with a decision to issue.

We do not hold information on the number of British National (Overseas) passport applications that are currently in work in progress as the type of British nationality is only recorded once a passport has been issued. The volume of applications received for British passports is not broken down into nationality types on receipt.

We can only provide data by nationality type for applications that have been processed with a decision to issue.

Yours sincerely

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