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Dear X XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 23 July, in which you ask for information on passports currently in circulation. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am able to disclose the information set out in the enclosed Annex.

In keeping with the Freedom of Information Act, we assume that all information can be released to the public unless it is exempt. In line with normal practice we are therefore releasing the information which you requested via the Home Office website.

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that IPS holds.

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 the address below, quoting reference FOICR 23565/12. 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 will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Xxx Xxxxxx
Parliamentary & Correspondence Management Team

Freedom of Information request from XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX (reference FOICR 23565/12)

Information requested

I would like to know:

How many British Passports are currently held, broken down by country, age or gender if possible?

There is an estimated 48.5 million passports valid in circulation in the UK. This figure is an estimate based on the total number of passports issued in the last ten years and then takes into account that some of these issues would replace passports that had been lost or required replacing for other reasons. We do not collate information on the age demographic nor UK country of issue.

How many passports are reported lost each year, again if possible broken down by age or gender?

→ Also if available where it is they think they lost them i.e. abroad.

Year	Totals	No. of Lost Passports	No. of Stolen Passports	Other
2009	272,963	232,852	32,276	7,835
2010	279,106	238,905	31,732	8,469
2011	291,055	250,181	31,894	8,980

An age demographic breakdown is not available for this period.

How many passports get renewed each year, broken down by age gender if possible?

Year	Applications
2009	3,746,917
2010	4,074,162
2011	3,789,611

The figures above are for adult and child renewals, but an age breakdown for the above is not held.

Date

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