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Our Ref: FOICR 22744/12

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Dear X XXXXXXXXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 May, in which you ask for information on British passports. 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 the Identity and Passport Service (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 22744/12. 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

X Xxxxxx
Parliamentary & Correspondence Management Team

Freedom of Information request from Xxxxxxxx (Reference 22744/12)**Information requested**

I note that there are 6 kinds of citizenship all of which are nationals of the UK (but not necessarily with residence rights to the UK): British citizenship; British overseas citizenship; British overseas territories citizenship; British national (overseas); British protected person; British subject. (These are listed in <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/britishcitizenship/aboutcitizenship/>.)

1. For each of these 6 kinds of citizenship, please specify how many passports mentioning that citizenship were issued in 2010. If for any of these 6 kinds of citizenship, the answer was 0, please specify the year in which a passport mentioning that citizenship was last issued.

The number of different types of passport books issued in calendar year 2010, by "British Nationality" variant was as follows:

- British Citizen (BC) - 5,823,314
- British National (Overseas) (BNO) - 353
- British Overseas Citizen (BOC) - 591
- British Overseas Territories Citizen (BOTC) - 102
- British Protected Person (BPP) - 78
- British Subject (BS) - 254

The total number of passport books issued in calendar year 2010 was 5,824,692.

2. For each of these 6 kinds of citizenship, please specify (in broad terms) what they provide to the holder in terms of residence rights, voting rights, consular protection.

This information is not held by us. However you may find the attached link to the Direct Gov website useful.

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/LivingintheUK/DG_10015894