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Dear Xxxxxx

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 21 September, in which you ask for information on the number of passport applications involving changes to surnames. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am able to disclose the following information.

You asked:-

I am conducting research on surname changing in the UK, and hope that you can tell me how many applications per year are made for new passports because the applicant has changed their surname?

The Identity and Passport Service (IPS) response is:-

The Information below is based on the 24 month period 21/09/2009 - 21/09/2011. Unfortunately we do not routinely capture information on the reasons for the name changes, such as marriage or change of name deed.

App Sub Type	Total
NA	471
NN	243,400
NS	245
PN	91,854
Grand Total	335,970

Application Sub Type

Key

NA =

Name/Photo/Status

NN = Name

NS = Name/National
Status

PN = Photo/Name

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 FOI 20063/11. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

Information Access Team

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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

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