



Home Office

Identity & Passport Service

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Email: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.XXXXX

Reference: FOICR 20983/11

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Dear XXXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 December, in which you ask for information on lost and stolen passports returned to the Identity and Passport Service (IPS). Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

I am able to disclose the following information.

You asked:-

I would like to receive the latest statistic available for the number of lost/stolen passports that are received (and destroyed by the Identity and Passport Service over a year.

The IPS response is:-

The number of passports that were 'recovered' by IPS in 2010 was 54,874. Once received, a recovered passport is cancelled on the system and then destroyed. Over the last 5 years the average number is around 46,000.

In keeping with the FOI 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.

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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 20983/11. 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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