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Dear Xxxxxxx

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 September, in which you ask for information on British Overseas Citizen passports issued by the Identity and Passport Service (IPS). 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 would like to request information on the number of Malaysian nationals who have been issued with British Overseas Citizen (BOC) passports in the United Kingdom since 4 July 2002.

The IPS response is: -

Our records indicate that for the last 3 calendar years we have issued the following number of passports to people born in Malaysia and have been issued a British Overseas Citizen passport as follows, however, we are unable to confirm the nationality



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of the applicants at the time of application. Unfortunately we do not hold any earlier information.

2007: 108 2008: 72 2009: 59

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 IPS 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 16064/10. 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 Home Office Ground Floor, Seacole Building 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF e-mail: <u>info.access@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk</u>

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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