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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0999-15

Thank you for your email of 15 October asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You asked for ;

Information for the year 2014

1. *How many UK citizens were arrested while travelling in the United Arab Emirates?*
2. *How many UK citizens were arrested while travelling in the United States?*
3. *How many UK citizens were arrested while travelling in Spain?*
4. *What was the number one reason for arrest in UAE?*
5. *What was the number one reason for arrest in USA?*
6. *What was the number one reason for arrest in Spain?*

Outcome of Search

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Disclosure

A search of our records has shown that we have the following information for the year 2014 from 1 January to 31 st December.

1. *How many UK citizens were arrested while travelling in the United Arab Emirates?*
There were 258 arrests of British Nationals in the United Arab Emirates.
2. *How many UK citizens were arrested while travelling in the United States of America?*
There were 996 arrest of British National in the United States of America.
3. *How many UK citizens were arrested while travelling in Spain?*
There were 1161 arrests of British Nationals in Spain.

The reasons for the majority of arrests in these countries are recorded on our database in the category 'General'. To drill down into the data to provide further details would take significant time, which we estimate would breach Section 12 of the FOIA. This makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. For central government the appropriate limit is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 3 ½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it. In these circumstances, we are not obliged under the Act to comply with this question. We are consequently refusing questions 4, 5 and 6 of the request under Section 12 of the FOIA. You could refine this part of the request by limiting the questions to a smaller geographical area or timeframe.

Yours sincerely,

Desk Officer

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