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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST: FOI 036-16

Thank you for your email of 13 January 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Under the FOI I would like to enquire how many British nationals or residents have died in India:

1. *Since January 1998 every year to Dec 2015*
2. *What were the demographics ie age,gender?*
3. *What were the causes of death?*
4. *How many calls did FCO receive that they were concerned of a British national or resident in India?*

Outcome of Search

We have now completed our search and consultation process and I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) holds some information relevant to your request.

Disclosure

The table below shows the total number of reported deaths in India of British Nationals (BN) from 2008 to 2015. We do not have figures prior to 2008. It is also not mandatory for a death of a BN to be reported to the FCO or one of our diplomatic missions so these figures may not be complete.

Total number of reported deaths of British National in India							
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
119	146	128	102	104	88	61	60

You also asked for the total number of telephone calls received by the FCO relating to the death of a BN in India. For 2015, the FCO received a total of 1260 calls relating to India. We can only provide full year figures for 2015 and cannot break this figure down to those specifically about the death of a BN in India.



Withheld

You also asked for demographics (i.e. age or gender) and cause of death. It is not mandatory for this information to be recorded on our consular assistance database. To identify these cases we would have to carry out a manual search of our records.

Section 12 of the FOIA 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. Your request as presently formulated is widely-framed and I estimate that it will take more than 3 ½ working days to locate, retrieve and extract this information. In these circumstances, we are not obliged under the FOIA to comply with your request

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Yours sincerely,

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