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Dear,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI 0817-15

Thank you for your email of 15 August 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

“How many Emergency Travel Documents (ETDs) did the New Delhi High Commission issue to children in the following months:

- a. November 2011***
- b. December 2011’***

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

Disclosure

- a. In November 2011, New Delhi issued 13 ETDs but none for children.
- b. In December 2011, New Delhi issued 23 ETDs but less than or equal to 5 were for children.

Please note that where the number of reported cases is less than or equal to five, to avoid the risk of identifying the individuals concerned, the exact number is withheld. To release this data would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances Sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in



our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, Section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

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