



# Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI 0497-17**

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

***“My Freedom of Information Request is related British Citizens sentenced to imprisonment in Foreign countries over the last ten years. I understand that you may have some statistics, which may help me”.***

### **Outcome of search**

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

### **Disclosure**

Please find below the information held to which you are entitled under the FOIA. The FCO records cases as arrest / detention. Please note that not all arrest or detention results in a custodial sentence, and the numbers below could therefore include British nationals released without charge or detained only on remand. The figures provided represent the cases the FCO and its overseas missions have opened to provide assistance for British nationals arrested or detained overseas during each year specified and reflect only those cases, which we were made aware; detainees can choose not to inform the local British representation.

<b>British nationals arrested / detained <sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>2008 <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>6,920</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>6,797</b>

<sup>1</sup> We have used the term ‘British national’ as that is the group to whom we provide support overseas, which forms our data set. These figures include British Citizens about whom you have asked. There are six types of British nationality.

<sup>2</sup> The FCO only holds statistics in this category from 2008 onwards.



2010	5,864
2011	5,995
2012	5,599
2013	5,548
2014	4,977
2015	4,889
2016	5,602
2017 (data until end April)	1,604

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