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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0355-18

Thank you for your email of 29 March 2018 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Dear Foreign and Commonwealth Office,

Since 2000 how many of the following have been issued:

- Queen's Messenger passports
- Emergency passports

Please break the figures down on an annual basis and provide the information in an accessible format.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. The FOI Team have allocated FCO Services to respond in relation to Queen's Messenger passports only.

I can confirm that the FCO Services (FCOS) does hold some information relevant to your request. We have figures from 2015 to date and these breakdown as follows:

Year	Number issued
2015	56
2016	24
2017	0

The response in relation to Emergency passports will be answered by another department within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

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If you would like a review of our decision, or if you wish to make a complaint, please write to the Central FOI Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Room WH2.177, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. E-mail: foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk. You have 40 working days to do so from the date of this letter.

You can apply directly to the Information Commissioner. However, the Information Commissioner will not normally make a decision unless you have first exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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