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Our Ref: FOI/Req/2017/216 Mr. Ronán Russell 22 November, 2017. Dear Mr. Russell, I refer to the request of 27th September, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows: The total number of Irish passport applications in a six month period, January 1st 2017 to 30th June 2017. The total number of Irish passport applications made by people from Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the same six month period (01/01/17 - 30/06/17). The number of successful Irish passport applications made by people from Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the six month period mentioned above. The total number of Irish passport applications made by people from Northern Ireland in the calendar year 2016. I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 3rd November, 2017. I am the Deciding Officer in this case. I wish to inform you that I have undertaken a search for records of passport applications. I have identified 4 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant the records.

You may wish to know that statistics on Irish passport applications are available at the following webpage https://www.dfa.ie/passports-citizenship/faqs/statistics/ which may be helpful to you.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76 – 78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfa.ie.

If you wish to, you should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely,

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