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Our Ref: FOI/REQ/2016/089

James Fogarty

26 July 2016

Dear Mr. Fogarty,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

How many applications for Irish passports there have been from people in the UK following the Brexit referendum to date and two weeks before the vote. Does this represent and increase on the same time last year and by how much.

I would also like to know how much fees were accrued from these UK applications over the same time.

The information requested is as follows:

Passport Applications from Northern Ireland

From UK Referendum to Date (23 June 2016 – 30 June 2016)	2,309
A similar period in 2015 (25 June 2015 – 2 July 2015)	1,495
Two weeks before the UK Referendum (9 June 2016 – 22 June 2016)	2,932
A similar period in 2015 (11 June 2015 – 24 June 2015)	2,997

Passport Applications from Great Britain

From Brexit Referendum to Date (23 June 2016 – 30 June 2016)	1,475
A similar period in 2005 (25 June 2015 – 2 July 2015)	1,041
Two weeks before the UK Referendum (9 June 2016 – 22 June 2016)	2,541
A similar period in 2015 (11 June 2015 – 24 June 2015)	1,997

*please note that the figure for applications does not include return applications i.e. applications that were initially missing documentation and were subsequently resubmitted.

With regard to the request for information on the fees that were accrued from these applications, due to the fact that this information has not been finalised for 2016, it is not possible to release accurate data at this time.

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@dfat.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfat.ie, or 01-4082857.

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 the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CB', written over a horizontal line.

Catherine Bannon
Passport Service