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Mark Hilliard The Irish Times, 24 – 28 Tara Street, Dublin 2

October 27th, 2016

To whom it may concern,

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request the following records which I believe to be held by the Department of Foreign Affairs:

- A breakdown of all Irish passport applications by number and country of origin. The figures should detail how many applications came in each year from 2012 to the most up to date available (today's date if possible).
- The country of origin should be that in which the applicant resides, or from where the application was made, as opposed to the embassy which received it (anticipating, nevertheless, that an application from somebody living in Spain will be made to the Irish embassy in Spain).
- It should also set out the month or receipt for each year, or as detailed a breakdown as is possible.
- It should set out the nationality of the applicant if that record is available (without of course any personal or individual identifying information).
- Any correspondence between individual embassy officials and the Department within the last six months (beginning May 1st, 2016) regarding passport applications (discounting the actual application paperwork itself).

If there are any questions regarding the above query I can be contacted at

I am happy to receive records in either print or electronic format, whichever is the most cost effective.

Kind regards,

Mark Hilliard

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