

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Our Ref: FOI/REQ/2016/120

Siobhán Breatnach The Irish Post, 88 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 4BY

1st September 2016

Dear Ms. Breatnach,

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:

The number of Irish passport applications received in Britain and also from Northern Ireland on June 24, 2016. The total number of applications received between June 24-July 24, 2016. The number of applications for the same period (June 24-July 24) over the last five years (2010-2015) – from Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 12th August.

The information requested is set out below:

Applications Submitted via Northern Ireland Passport Express	
Registration Date(s)	Total Registrations
24/06/16	207
24/06/16 - 24/07/16	6,648
24/06/15 - 24/07/15	4,321
24/06/14 - 24/07/14	4,501
24/06/13 - 24/07/13	4,131
24/06/12 - 24/07/12	4,058
24/06/11 - 24/07/11	2,954

Applications Submitted via Embassy London	
Registration Date(s)	Total Registrations
24/06/16	151
24/06/16 - 24/07/16	7,108
24/06/15 - 24/07/15	4,317
24/06/14 - 24/07/14	4,922
24/06/13 - 24/07/13	4,234
24/06/12 - 24/07/12	4,650
24/06/11 - 24/07/11	4,136

Note: Applications which were originally registered on dates listed & were subsequently rejected & re-registered as returns at a later date, are not included in the figures above.

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 <u>foi@dfat.ie</u>. 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 <u>foi@dfat.ie</u>, 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

Catherine Bannon Passport Service