



# HM Passport Office

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Dear Dr Narkowicz,

Thank you for your email of 1 March 2016, in which you refined your previous request and asked for information on the number of British passports refused or withdrawn between 2005 and 2014. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your information request and Her Majesty's Passport Office (HM Passport Office) response are set out below.

**How many people have had their British passport refused or withdrawn on the basis that they may seek to harm the UK or its allies by travelling on a British passport to, for example, engage in terrorism-related activity from 2005 to 2014?**

Between 2005 and 2012 the Royal Prerogative power to withdraw or refuse a British Passport had not been applied to national security cases. In 2013, the Royal Prerogative power was exercised six times under the public interest criteria against British citizens. In 2014, the power was exercised 24 times using the same public interest criteria.

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information HM Passport Office holds.

Yours sincerely,

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