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Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations in London and has the honour to refer to its Notes A113/06 of 6 March 2006 and A307/06 of 12 July about requests for information on serious offences allegedly committed by persons entitled to diplomatic immunity.

Protocol Directorate wishes to inform all missions that we have been asked in a Parliamentary Question to provide information about the number of "notifiable offences" committed by foreign diplomats based in London, broken down by offence and country. In order to comply with our obligations to Parliament and our policy on disclosure of information on alleged offences, we will refer in our answer to the Foreign Secretary's most recent annual Written Ministerial Statement on alleged serious offences published on 20 June. In addition we will also provide a list detailing information about police reports we have received giving information about minor offences, e.g. speeding and other traffic violations.

Although each offence listed will be attributed to the relevant mission, we will not disclose the names of any individuals. If the number of diplomatic personnel in a mission is so small that there is a risk of identifying an individual, information will be withheld.

Protocol Directorate avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions the assurance of its highest consideration

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