

Q: How many persons are employed by the FCO as Queen's Messengers and a copy of their job description.

A: We currently employ 15 Queen's Messengers, their Job Description is as follows:

Diplomatic Courier	To ensure that all material is secure in all respect by examination of diplomatic bags, official labels, ties and seals conform with the Vienna Convention	100%
--Click here--	Prior to undertaking any journey to ensure all documentation, (including passports, visa, waybill, airline tickets and travel cards) are valid for the Journey and adequately safeguarded at all times.	
--Click here--	Establish the bona fides and authority of the person due to take charge of any classified material/diplomatic bags in line with Security procedures.	
--Click here--	In emergencies, take appropriate action to re-establish a journey and safeguard the classified consignment without delay	
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Q: During the period of 1st of January 2004 to 19th of February 2005, how many journeys were made by the persons employed as Queen's Messenger and to what destinations did they travel to during this period.

A: The Queen's Messengers undertook a total of 660 journeys during the period 1st January 2004 to 19th February 2005, they travel to the following destinations:

Destinations:

Geneva, Mexico City, Guatemala City, Sydney.
 Luxembourg, Strasbourg, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, Copenhagen,
 Brussels, Vienna, Zagreb, Sofia, Belgrade, Athens, Prague, Bucharest,
 Budapest, Tirana, Kiev, Warsaw, Riga, Belgrade, Moscow, Lisbon,
 Rome, Valletta, Tunis, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Istanbul, Ankara, Cairo,
 Amman, Bahrain, Riyadh, Kuwait, Muscat, Abu Dhabi, New Delhi,
 Pakistan, Islamabad, Karachi, Islamabad, New York, Ottawa,
 Washington, Hamilton, Kingston, Madrid, Havana, Sao Paulo, Buenos
 Aires, Montevideo, Santiago, Bridgetown, Nairobi, Lusaka, Lilongwe,
 Nairobi, Harare, Abuja, Lagos, Accra, Dakar, Pretoria,
 Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Ulaanbaatar, Tokyo, Seoul, Manila,
 Bangkok, Singapore, Dublin.