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Equal Justice Project
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Dear Equal Justice Project

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2020 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *“The number of asylum seekers currently being held in prison;*
2. *The average length of time these asylum seekers have been held in prison;*
3. *The support mechanisms in place for asylum seekers during their detention in prison;*
4. *The particular support systems for asylum seekers who are members of the LGBTQIA+ group;*
5. *The number of asylum seekers currently being held in detention (not living in the community freely); and*
6. *The average length of time asylum seekers have been held in detention (and where they are located).”*

This letter is to advise you that parts 3 and 4 of your request has been transferred to the Department of Corrections under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act as the information requested is more closely aligned with the functions of their office. They will respond to your request in due course.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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