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Dear K Logan

I am replying to your request of 28 November 2014 under the Official Information Act (OIA) for:

*Statistics on the amount of people each year, for the past 5 years, who have been deported or had their work visas cancelled as a result of being convicted of Male Assaults Female charges.*

I advise that your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA as it would require substantial collation and research. In reaching this decision on your request Immigration New Zealand has considered whether fixing a charge under section 15 of the OIA and/or extending the time limit under section 15A would enable your request to be met. I have decided that neither of these options are feasible.

In order to provide you with some context in relation to this refusal I advise that Immigration New Zealand does not hold, in a form that is readily retrievable, information about the type of offence that has made a residence visa holder liable for deportation or the specific 'cause' of liability for deportation through cancellation of a work visa.

From 1 December 2010 until 30 November 2014 there were some 383 cases of residence visa holders being liable for deportation on the grounds of criminal offending. In the same period there were some 1357 cases of liability for deportation of a temporary visa holder 'for cause'. This ground is utilised for many reasons, including for example, when a visa holder has criminally offended (see s157(5)(b) of the Immigration Act 2009).

In order to fulfil your request we would have to retrieve and make a manual check of the physical file of each case to determine:

- i. Whether liability arose from a conviction for Male Assaults Female; and
- ii. Whether the person was actually deported and, in the case of a temporary visa holder, whether the visa was a work visa or some other type.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review the decision on your request. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
Wellington 6143

If you have any questions relating to this response please contact [margaret.cantlon@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:margaret.cantlon@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

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