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Dear Tracey Barnett

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your official information request dated 25 May 2012, received 31 May 2012, requesting the following information:

1. *How much does it cost, per person, per six week period, to house and provide services for a quota refugee at Mangere Refugee Centre, Auckland?*
2. *What is the annual total budget for the Mangere Refugee Centre, including all services?*
3. *Seeing as asylum seekers do not receive the same services as quota refugees, how many does it cost to feed and house an asylum seeker at Mangere Refugee Center, per person, based on your knowledge of its budget? [Note, you can choose the time frame; per week; per month, per year. [Though my preference is per year so I may compare these costs internationally.]*
4. *Looking ahead, if the Immigration Amendment bill for Mass Arrivals is passed, how much is the government estimating it will cost to feed, accommodated and support an asylum seeker in a different 'mass arrival' facility for six months overall? [If a per person figure is available, that would be helpful.]*
5. *What is that facility's overall budget likely to be?*
6. *Where is that facility likely to be?*
7. *How many staff will be assigned and at what overall cost per year?*
8. *How much has the exercise to accommodate mass arrivals cost the government in time and services?*
9. *How many people have been involved in that exercise?*
10. *At what minimum number of arrivals will that facility be activated to house the new arrivals?*

Your request is being processed in accordance with the Official Information Act. If you have any enquires regarding your request, you may contact us via email at OIA.Gems@dol.govt.nz or

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You can expect to receive a response by 29 June 2012.

Yours sincerely

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