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Ref: DOIA 1819-0100

Dear Mr Oldfield,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 20 July 2018 requesting the following information:

- Part One** A breakdown of the number of persons deported to any of the Pacific Islands in the past 5 years (excluding US territories) following a conviction (whether or not that person was also incarcerated in New Zealand).
- Part Two** A breakdown of the number of persons deported to any of the Pacific Islands in the past 5 years (excluding US territories) following the presence of 'new character information' (separate from those deported for criminal behaviour in New Zealand).
- Part Three** A breakdown of the number of persons deported to any of the Pacific Islands in the past 5 years (excluding US territories) following a conviction OR on the basis of 'new character information' that had a known link to gang activity at the time of deportation.

### Our Response

#### Part One

In the past five years there have been 1040 individuals deported to Pacific Island nations. All data is based on the twelve month period from July to June for each respective year. Table One below provides the breakdown of deportation type in the past five years.

Tables Two and Three provide a further breakdown for each deportation type, destination country deported to the number of people each.

Please note that "Criminal" refers to all people convicted of a crime and people who have been brought to Immigration New Zealand's attention by the New Zealand Police for offending but charges have not been laid.

Table 1 – Total deportations to Pacific Island nations (excluding US territories) by financial year

Deportation Type	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	TOTAL
Criminal	88	87	78	82	65	400
Non-Criminal	136	114	142	134	114	640
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>1040</b>



*Table 2 – Criminal Deportations to Pacific Island nations (excluding US territories) by financial year*

Destination Country	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	TOTAL
Fiji	17	20	19	31	26	113
Kiribati	4		4	1		9
Nauru	1					1
Samoa	35	38	33	22	17	145
Tonga	30	26	19	25	20	120
Tuvalu	1	3	2	1		7
Vanuatu			1	2	2	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>400</b>

*Table 3 – Non-Criminal Deportations to Pacific Island nations (excluding US territories) by financial year*

Destination Country	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	TOTAL
Fiji	40	43	40	54	15	192
Kiribati	5	1	8	3	3	20
Nauru			2			2
Samoa	59	36	45	35	42	217
Tonga	31	29	46	37	52	195
Tuvalu	1	4	1	5	2	13
Vanuatu		1				1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>640</b>

**Part Two**

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the number of people deported to any of the Pacific Islands in the past 5 years (excluding US territories) following the presence of 'new character information' (separate from those deported for criminal behaviour in New Zealand). Therefore this part of your request is refused in reliance on section 18(f) of the Act as it would require substantial collation or research.

In accordance with section 18A I have considered whether charging or extending the due date for a response would assist with answering your request but it is my opinion that it would not.

**Part Three**

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the number of people deported to any of the Pacific Islands in the past 5 years (excluding US territories) following a conviction OR on the basis of 'new character information' that had a known link to gang activity at the time of deportation. Therefore this part of your request is refused in reliance on section 18(f) of the Act as it would require substantial collation or research.

In accordance with section 18A I have considered whether charging or extending the due date for a response would assist with answering your request but it is my opinion that it would not.

You have the right to contest the decision to withhold information by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
P O Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Robyn Webster, Business Advisor, Business Support, Immigration New Zealand at [robyn.webster@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:robyn.webster@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jock Gilray', written in a cursive style.

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