



14 September 2018

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Dear Mr Dellow

Thank you for your email of 29 August 2018 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

I am requesting all statistics held on the country of origin of ALL asylum seekers that have made a claim for asylum to Refugee Status Branch (or any predecessors) since 2004 to 2018, as well as their respective success or failure rates.

I further request all statistics held on the country of origin of ALL asylum seekers that have made a subsequent appeal for their declined claim, and those respective success or failure rates.

I additionally request statistics on applications for work visas by ALL asylum seekers whose claims were still being processed at the time of their application for the work visa, and corresponding success or failure rates of those work visa applications by country of origin of the asylum seekers.

Please note that I request this information for all asylum seekers that have made a claim for asylum in New Zealand - not only those from the top ten countries of origin.

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 8 October 2018. The reason for the extension is that the collation of information necessary to make a decision on all parts of the request is such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely

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