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Mr Dellow

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Ref: DOIA 1819-0417

Dear Mr Dellow

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) received on 14 September 2018 requesting the following information:

- *I am requesting statistics on section 61 visa requests by persons who listed a claim for refugee status to RSB; or appealing a claim for refugee status to IPT as the reason for being in New Zealand without a visa (these people are known as asylum seekers or spontaneous refugees).*
- *I would like to receive statistics on:*
 - *how many applications were made;*
 - *how many were successful;*
 - *how many were denied after consideration; and*
 - *how many were refused consideration.*
- *I would like these statistics broken down by country of origin of the applicant.*
- *If this information is not available specifically for asylum seekers, I would request the information for ALL section 61 visa requests, with success rates, failure rates, and the number of requests that were refused consideration, broken down by country of origin of the applicant.*
- *I would like these figures for the period 2013 - 2018 if possible.*

Our response

Please refer to Appendix A and B for the information that you have requested.

Data which is between one and four has been withheld to ensure confidentiality of claims, therefore some of the information you have requested has been refused in reliance of s18(c)(i) of the OIA, as releasing it would be contrary to s151 of the Immigration Act 2009.

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

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

I trust you find this information helpful.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require further assistance, please contact Penny Hazlett, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at penny.hazlett@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

Appendix A

RSB claimants who submitted a s61 request for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 August 2018 by nationality

Nationality	S61 Decision	Total
Afghanistan	Grant	17
	Refuse to Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Bahrain	Grant	*
Bangladesh	Grant	17
	Refused to consider	6
	Open - undecided	*
Brazil	Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Bulgaria	Grant	*
Cameroon	Grant	*
China	Grant	8
	Refuse to Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Colombia	Grant	*
Czech Republic	Grant	*
Egypt	Grant	*
Ethiopia	Grant	*
Fiji	Grant	41
	Refuse to Grant	*
	Refused to consider	12
Gambia	Grant	*
Georgia	Refuse to Grant	*
Ghana	Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Hungary	Grant	*
India	Grant	32
	Refuse to Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Indonesia	Grant	*
Iran	Grant	13
	Refused to consider	*
Iraq	Grant	6
Jordan	Refused to consider	*
Kiribati	Grant	*
Lebanon	Grant	*
Lithuania	Grant	*
Malaysia	Grant	6

Malaysia	Refused to consider	*
		*
Mexico	Refuse to Grant	
Morocco	Grant	*
Myanmar	Grant	*
Nepal	Grant	*
Nigeria	Refused to consider	*
Pakistan	Grant	26
	Refuse to Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Palestine	Grant	*
Papua New Guinea	Grant	*
Philippines	Grant	*
Poland	Grant	*
Russia	Grant	*
Samoa	Grant	5
	Refused to consider	*
Saudi Arabia	Grant	*
Slovakia	Grant	*
Somalia	Refuse to Grant	*
		*
	Refused to consider	
South Africa	Grant	8
	Refuse to Grant	*
	Refused to consider	6
South Korea	Grant	*
	Grant	*
Sri Lanka	Grant	41
	Refuse to Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Thailand	Grant	*
Togo	Refuse to Grant	*

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Tonga	Grant	*
Turkey	Grant	13
	Refused to consider	*
Tuvalu	Grant	*
Uganda	Grant	5
United States of America	Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Uzbekistan	Grant	*
Venezuela	Grant	*
Zambia	Grant	*
Zimbabwe	Grant	*
Total		377

*denotes a value four or less

Appendix B

Unsuccessful RSB claimants who submitted an appeal to the Immigration and Protection Tribunal and a subsequent s61 request for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 August 2018 by nationality

Nationality	s61 Decision	Total
Afghanistan	Grant	*
Bangladesh	Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Brazil	Refused to consider	*
China	Grant	*
	Refuse to Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Egypt	Grant	*
Ethiopia	Grant	*
Fiji	Grant	5
	Refused to consider	*
Georgia	Refuse to Grant	*
India	Grant	*

Iran	Grant	*
Iraq	Grant	*
Kiribati	Grant	*
Malaysia	Grant	*
Nigeria	Refused to consider	*
Pakistan	Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Poland	Grant	*
Russia	Grant	*
Samoa	Grant	*
Saudi Arabia	Grant	*
Somalia	Grant	*
South Africa	Grant	*
	Refuse to Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
South Korea	Grant	5
Sri Lanka	Grant	*
	Refused to consider	*
Thailand	Grant	*
Togo	Refuse to Grant	*
Turkey	Refused to consider	*
Tuvalu	Grant	*
Uganda	Refused to consider	*
United States of America	Grant	*
United States of America	Refused to consider	*
Zimbabwe	Grant	*
Total		79

*denotes a value four or less