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Tēnā koe Section 9(2)(a)

Official Information Act request: Immigration and Protection claims

Thank you for your email of 2 September 2023, to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding appeals to the Immigration and Protection Tribunal (the Tribunal). Your request has been referred to me for response as Group Manager, Courts and Tribunals, Regional Service Delivery and is being managed in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Specifically, you requested:

Can I please get aggregated data for the decade 2012/13 through 2022/23 for (a) Afghans, (b) Syrians and (c) Ukrainians cases in the following:

*Immigration and Protection Tribunal claims (decided) Refugee and Protection allowed
Immigration and Protection Tribunal claims (decided) Refugee and Protection
dismissed*

*Immigration and Protection Tribunal claims (decided) Residence allowed Immigration
and Protection Tribunal claims (decided) Residence dismissed*

The information you have requested is not held by the Ministry. While the Ministry holds data on Tribunal appeals, for example the number of appeals received and disposed, it does not hold data to the level of detail to identify the nationality of appellants. Information on the nationality of an appellant is provided on the appeal form which forms part of the Tribunal file. This information is held by the Tribunal which is excluded from the operation of the Act under section 2(6)(b). I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation, or local authority subject to the Act.

You may be interested to know that Immigration and Protection Tribunal decisions are available online. These can be found at www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/immigration/immigration-and-protection/decisions/

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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