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The Government of the Hong Kong
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10 April 2015

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Dear Madam,

Application for Access to Information

Thank you for your enquiry dated 12 March 2015 seeking access to information relating to statistics on the Unified Screening Mechanism.

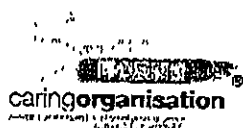
Further to our interim replies of 17 and 31 March 2015, I attached the relevant information you requested at Appendix.

If we can be of any assistance in the provision of other information in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,


(KWOK Chi-wing)

for Director of Immigration



Appendix

Re: Request for Information on the Unified Screening Mechanism***Information on USM Claimants:*****1. Can the Immigration Department please provide statistics on the following:****(a) The number of "written significations" received from 3 March 2014 to 3 March 2015**

Since the commencement of the Unified Screening Mechanism ("USM") on 3 March 2014 till 28 February 2015, the ImmD has received a total of 6 039 written significations requesting for non-refoulement protection.

(b), (c) & (d)

The number of claims withdrawn/taken NFA, outstanding and determined from 3 March 2014 to 3 March 2015

The breakdown by country of origin on the number of claims withdrawn/taken NFA, outstanding claims, claims determined from 3 March 2014 to 28 February 2015 is tabulated below:-

Country of Origin	From 3 March 2014 to 28 February 2015		
	Claims have been withdrawn / taken NFA	Outstanding claims	Claims that have been determined
Bangladesh	98	1 223	187
India	250	1 817	312
Indonesia	144	1 092	50
Nepal	47	345	128
Nigeria	28	180	29
Pakistan	237	2 026	390
Sri Lanka	22	340	28
The Philippines	64	424	70
Vietnam	94	1 164	39
Others	108	922	47
Total	1 092	9 533	1 280

(e) The number of claims substantiated at first Instance from 3 March 2014 to 3 March 2015

Since the commencement of the USM on 3 March 2014 till 28 February 2015, there were 4 non-refoulement claims substantiated at first tier concerning 1 Sri Lankan and 3 Rwandan.

(f) The number of USM appeals filed from 3 March 2014 to 3 March 2015

The number of appeals/petitions lodged under USM from 3 March 2014 to 3 March 2015 were 1 096. The ImmD does not maintain readily available information on the breakdown of appeal cases by country of origin.

Appendix**(g) The number of USM closed appeals on 3 March 2014 to 3 March 2015**

There were 130 appeals/petitions under USM finalized from 3 March 2014 to 3 March 2015. The ImmD does not maintain readily available information on the breakdown of finalized USM appeals by country of origin since 3 March 2014.

(h) The number of USM claims substantiated from 3 March 2014 to 3 March 2015 on appeal

There was 1 allowed appeal case under the USM from 3 March 2014 to 3 March 2015 concerning a Pakistani national.

2. Of the open USM claims up to the present date, the residents of claimants by region:

As at 28 February 2015, there were 9 533 outstanding non-refoulement claims under processing. According to the addresses provided by the claimants, their location of accommodation in Hong Kong by region is as follows:

Region	Percentage
Hong Kong Island	5%
Kowloon	53%
New Territories	26%
Outlying Islands	1%
Others ¹	15%

3. Number of applications for permission to work from 30 November 2014 to present day and number granted along with nationalities of those granted permission to work by Director of Immigration.

Number of applications for permission to work from substantiated torture claimants and mandated refugees received and number of applications with permission granted from 30 November 2014 to 23 March 2015:

(1) Number of applications	(2) Number of applications with permission granted
4	2 *

* Applications include 1 of Burundi and 1 of Sri Lanka

¹ For example, claimants who are currently imprisoned or held in custody.