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Tēnā koe M Stephens,

Thank you for your email of 2 September 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

*Can I please get aggregated\* data for the decade 2012/13 through 2022/23 for Afghanistan's, Syrians and Ukrainians:*

*Refugee and Protection Claims  
Refugee and Protection Approvals  
Refugee Quota Arrivals  
Refugee Family Support Category Arrivals*

*Resident Visas decided (applications) approved.  
Resident Visas decided (applications) declined.*

*\*I'm looking for aggregated data so that any numbers that are <5 for any particular years are included in a total without identifying data being added, as is the practice for the Refugee and Protection Statistics Packs. For example. from 2013-14 to 2017-18 no Afghans are listed under the Refugee and Protection Claims approvals. My reasoning is that by aggregating these with the entire decade we can avoid any privacy concerns while giving an accurate view of intakes.*

## Our Response

Please refer to the below table for the requested data between the financial years 2012/2013 to 2022/2023, broken down by nationality as at 31 August 2023.

Aggregated Data	Afghan	Syrian	Ukrainian
Number of refugee and protection claims made/received	143	67	40
Number of refugee and protection claims approved	73	61	6
Number of refugee quota arrivals	1,239	1,556	0
Number of Refugee Family Support Category arrivals	892	14	0
Number of approved Resident Visa applications**	56	59	<5
Number of declined Resident Visa applications**	0	0	0

*\*\*Please note this is for refugee and protection claims only, as the number of residence approvals for refugee quota arrivals and Refugee Family Support Category arrivals are the same as the arrival numbers as they all hold New Zealand residence.*

Where the number is less than five, this has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I have considered whether withholding that information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, however, it is our opinion that such grounds do not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [inzoias@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz)

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fiona Whiteridge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

Fiona Whiteridge  
**General Manager, Refugee and Migrant Services**  
Immigration New Zealand  
Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment