



Office of Hon Nathan Guy

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Minister of Immigration

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Minister of Veterans' Affairs

Associate Minister for Primary Industries

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Tracey Barnett

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Dear Tracey

I refer to your official information request dated 25 May 2012, received 25 May 2012, to Hon Nathan Guy in which you request the following information under the Official Information Act:

- "1. How much does it cost, per person, per six week period, to house and provide services for a quota refugee at Mangere Refugee Centre, Auckland?*
- 2. What is the annual total budget for the Mangere Refugee Centre, including all services?*
- 3. Seeing as asylum seekers do not receive the same services as quota refugees, how much does it cost to feed and house an asylum seeker at Mangere Refugee Centre, per person, based on your knowledge of its budget? [Note, you can choose the time frame; per week, per month, per year. Though my preference is per year so I may compare these costs internationally.]*
- 4. Looking ahead, if the Immigration Amendment bill for Mass Arrivals is passed, how much is the government estimating it will cost to feed, accommodate and support an asylum seeker in a different 'mass arrival' facility for six months overall? [If a per person figure is available, that would be helpful.]*
- 5. What is that facility's overall budget likely to be?*
- 6. Where is that facility likely to be?*
- 7. How many staff will be assigned and at what overall cost per Year?*
- 8. How much has the exercise to accommodate mass arrivals cost the government in time and services?*
- 8. How many people have been involved in that exercise?*
- 9. At what minimum number of arrivals will that facility be activated to house the new arrivals?"*

This letter is to notify you that the Minister of Immigration is transferring your request to the Department of Labour (the Department).

This transfer is occurring because the information you requested is believed by the Minister of Immigration to be more closely connected with the functions of the Department.

Further correspondence on this request will therefore come to you from the Department. Note that the time limit for responding will be 20 working days from when the Department receives this transfer from the Minister of Immigration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Jennings', written in a cursive style.

Tasha Jennings
Private Secretary - Immigration