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File No(s): DOIA 1920-1481

Dear Bella,

I refer to your request(s) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) received on 9 April 2020 requesting the following information from Immigration New Zealand:

*I wish to know the number of asylum seekers detained in Mt Eden Prison on the 15th of March 2020.
I wish to know the number of asylum seekers detained in Mt Eden Prison on the 26th of March 2020.*

Our Response

The table below shows the number of asylum seekers detained in Mt Eden prison on 15 March and 26 March 2020.

Number of asylum claimants detained in Mt Eden Prison as at requested dates:	Snapshot Date	
	15 March 2020	26 March 2020
	5	1

Please note these results are based on the records of Immigration New Zealand (INZ). They do not necessarily equate to the records of the Department of Corrections.

The majority of asylum seekers are not detained at any stage. Any decision to detain is made in relation to concerns about identity, or the safety and security of New Zealand.

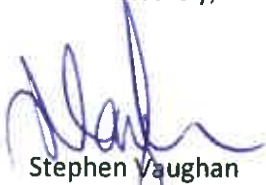
Some asylum seekers are held in custody at the port of arrival if there are security or identity issues. Where appropriate they are usually accommodated at the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre.

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

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Brayden Mazey, Business Advisor, Immigration New Zealand at brayden.mazey@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,



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