

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I refer to your request for Access to Information on 23 February 2022. Having consulted the Immigration Department (“ImmD”) and the Torture Claims Appeal Board/ Non-refoulement Claims Petition Office (“TCAB/ NRCPO”), the requested information is provided as below, please.

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As at the end of December 2021, there were a total of 741 non-refoulement claims pending screening by ImmD.

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As at the end of December 2021, TCAB/ NRCPO received 22 985 appeals/petitions, among which 2 306 cases were pending decision.

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For detailed statistics on applications for judicial review (“JR”) by claimants, please approach the Judiciary for such information. As at the end of December 2021, according to ImmD, apart from 8 578 unsuccessful claimants who had applied to the Court for leave to apply for JR against the decision of ImmD or TCAB / NRCPO or were those whose applications for JR were pending handling by the Court, 1 347 unsuccessful claimants remained in Hong Kong for other reasons (e.g. being imprisoned, remanded, involved in ongoing prosecution or investigation process, or having absconded, etc.), while removal from Hong Kong was being arranged for the remaining 1 718 persons.

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