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Dear Sirs,

**Re: Code of Access to Information**

**Request No. : 02/18**

We refer to your email of 17 April 2018 and our reply is as follows:-

Reply to Questions 1 & 2:

The number of legal aid applications involving judicial review (“JR”) received by the Legal Aid Department (“LAD”) and the number of legal aid certificates granted from 2015 to 2017<sup>Note 1</sup> are as follows:-

Year	No. of legal aid applications involving JR received	No. of legal aid certificates granted for JR cases <sup>Note 2</sup>
2015	500	107
2016	437	27
2017	1 046	29

Notes:

- 1 Statistics in the above table include legal aid applications received and legal aid certificates granted which involve JR, which include cases related to non-refoulement claims. Among the 1 046 legal aid applications involving JR received by the LAD in 2017, 841 of them were submitted by non-refoulement claimants seeking JR against the decisions made in relation to their claims.
- 2 Legal aid certificates may not be granted in the same year when the respective applications were received.

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The number of refusal on means and merits in respect of legal aid applications for judicial review are as follows:-

Refusal of Legal Aid Applications for JR <sup>Note 1</sup>		
Year	On Merits <sup>Note 2</sup>	On Means <sup>Note 2</sup>
2015	316	6
2016	352	8
2017	848	8

Notes :

1. A refusal may be related to a legal aid application received in the previous year.
2. Refusal on both Merits and Means is included in refusal "On Means" as well as refusal "On Merits".

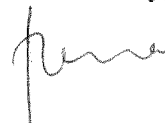
Reply to Questions 3, 4 & 5:

LAD's performance target in processing civil legal aid applications is that in 85% of the applications received, a decision will be made within 3 months from the date of the application. The actual performance of LAD in the past 3 years is as follows:-

Civil Legal Aid Applications			
Standard Processing Time	Performance Targets	Year	Actual Performance
Within 3 months from the date of application	85%	2015	85%
		2016	88%
		2017	88%

LAD does not maintain statistics on the average time taken for making a decision on legal aid applications submitted by non-refoulement claimants or by applicants who are not non-refoulement claimants. LAD also does not maintain statistics on the number of grant of legal aid for the applications at different stages.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Legal Aid