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**Subject:** Application for Access to Information dated 27 October 2020 (Carissa Tsang) Freedom of Information request - Medical waiver issued to non-refoulement claimants

Dear Ms Tsang,

Further to my reply dated 5 November 2020, please find below the Hospital Authority (HA) Head Office's response to the items you requested:

**Item 1**

The number of applications for medical waiver by non-refoulement claimants received from 2014 to 2020 is not available as the HA does not compile such data. According to paragraph 1.14 of the Code on Access to Information, the Code does not oblige departments to create a record which does not exist.

**Items 2 and 3**

The available statistics for financial years 2014/15 to 2019/20 are provided below for your reference.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
Number of applications for medical waiver by non-refoulement claimants <b><u>approved</u></b>	16,138	21,157	24,110	24,679	22,572	21,507
Number of applications for medical waiver by non-refoulement claimants <b><u>rejected</u></b>	2	10	4	2	5	1

If you have any questions about this reply, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,  
Sandy Chu(Miss)  
Access to Information Officer

Hospital Authority Head Office  
(Tel.: 2300 6568/2300 6555)

**From:** [enquiry@ha.org.hk](mailto:enquiry@ha.org.hk)

**Sent:** Thursday, November 5, 2020 10:56 AM

**To:** 'foi+request-501-13e3d124@accessinfo.hk' <[foi+request-501-13e3d124@accessinfo.hk](mailto:foi+request-501-13e3d124@accessinfo.hk)>

**Subject:** Application for Access to Information dated 27 October 2020 (Carissa Tsang) Freedom of Information request - Medical waiver issued to non-refoulement claimants

Dear Ms Tsang,

Thank you for your Application for Access to Information dated 27 October 2020.

As the processing of your request involves consultation with the department concerned, we are unable to provide you with the information sought at this stage. You will be advised further in relation to your request on or before 16 November 2020.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,  
Sandy Chu(Miss)  
Access to Information Officer  
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**From:** Carissa Tsang <[foi+request-501-13e3d124@accessinfo.hk](mailto:foi+request-501-13e3d124@accessinfo.hk)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 10:26 AM

**To:** [enquiry@ha.org.hk](mailto:enquiry@ha.org.hk)

**Subject:** Re: Application for Access to Information (Carissa Tsang) Freedom of Information request - Medical waiver issued to non-refoulement claimants

Dear Enquiry (Hospital Authority),

Thank you for your response.

Could you also please kindly provide the following data:

- (1) the number of applications for medical waiver by non-refoulement claimants received from 2014 to 2020
- (2) the number of applications for medical waiver by non-refoulement claimants allowed from 2014 to 2020
- (3) the number of applications for medical waiver by non-refoulement claimants rejected from 2014 - 2020

Yours sincerely,

Carissa Tsang

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