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Clerk to Legislative Council Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating
to the Unified Screening Mechanism for Non-refoulement Claims
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms Betty MA)

Dear Ms Ma,

**Legislative Council Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to
the Unified Screening Mechanism for Non-refoulement Claims**
Follow-up matters to the meeting of 21 May 2018

In response to the follow-up matters raised at the captioned Subcommittee meeting, the Government provides the supplementary information as below.

(a) **Time lag in making claims**

The average time lag between entering Hong Kong (including illegal entry) and making claims by claimants of the 1 743 non-refoulement claims pending screening by the Immigration Department (“ImmD”) as at end September 2018 is at **Annex**.

(b) **Overview of legal aid applications**

The Security Bureau and ImmD do not maintain the relevant statistics on applications made by non-refoulement claimants to the Legal Aid Department for legal aid to lodge judicial review following refusal of their claims or appeals.

(c) **Profile of minor claimants**

As at end September 2018, among the 1 743 non-refoulement claims pending screening by ImmD, 61 claimants are minor. Their nationalities are mainly Indonesian (18%), Filipino (13%), Togolese (10%), Indian (8%), Sri Lankan (8%), Vietnamese (8%), Bangladeshi (7%) and Nigerian (7%).

For enquiries, please contact the undersigned at 2810 2099.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Security

**Time lag between entering Hong Kong
(including illegal entry) and making claims by claimants of
non-refoulement claims pending screening by the ImmD**

(as at end September 2018)

Time*	Number of claims	Percentage
< 3 months	604	35%
3 – 12 months	591	34%
13 – 24 months	162	9%
> 24 months	292	17%
Information not available [#]	94	5%
Total	1 743	100%

* The average time lag is about 15 months.

ImmD does not maintain the relevant records (including records of illegal entry).