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Dear M Esslemont,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 52658

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 March 2019, in which you ask for:

- Number of human trafficking victims currently held in immigration detention
- The number of human trafficking victims who have applied for asylum (as of year end, 2018)
- The number of human trafficking victims who have been rejected asylum (as of year end, 2018)

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are now in a position to provide a full reply to your request.

The data you have requested is set out below:

Table 1

Number of individuals with a positive Conclusive Grounds decision detained in an IRC on 31-Dec-2018	3
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Table 2

Asylum applicants with a positive Conclusive Grounds decision	136
Of which were rejected	53

Please note the comments concerning this data in Annex B attached to this response. The numbers of those held in detention changes from day to day, so we have provided the number of detainees at 31 December 2018. This is provisional management information that is subject to change. It has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference **52658**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

Immigration Enforcement Secretariat

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Annex A

Freedom of Information request from M Esslemont (reference 52658)

Please provide information on the following:

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Annex B

Notes

- 1 These statistics have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.
- 2 Asylum data extracted on 09/01/2019, detention data extracted on 13/03/2019 and PVoT data extracted on 19/03/2019.
- 3 Data shown gives main asylum applicants who between 01/01/2018 and to 31/12/2018
- 4 Data shown only gives asylum outcomes up to 31/12/2018.
- 5 Where there are multiple asylum claims or outcomes in the period, only the earliest instance has been used.
- 6 An asylum 'rejection' is classified as any outcome where applicant has not been granted asylum.
- 7 Table 2 shows individuals who have applied for asylum, where the asylum application raised date is on or after a positive Conclusive Grounds (CG) decision.
- 8 Table 1 shows individuals where the date of the positive CG outcome was at any point before 31/12/2018.
- 9 An individual is considered to be in detention on 31/12/2018 if they have a detention start date on or before this date, and where detention continued beyond this date.
- 10 Where an individual has multiple positive CG decisions, the earliest CG decision has been used

The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is the process by which people who may have been victims of modern slavery are identified, referred, assessed and supported in the United Kingdom. ("Modern slavery" is a term that covers slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking.) The initial referral goes through a two stage process: a reasonable grounds stage (where it is considered that the person is a potential victim of trafficking/slavery) and then, for those with a positive reasonable grounds outcome, a conclusive grounds stage (where a definitive decision is made as to whether the person is considered to be a victim of trafficking/slavery). The data shown here only represents individuals who are considered to be victims of trafficking/slavery.