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Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of 5 August requesting information on Settlement applications, specifically:

➤ I want the processing times, visas applied under settlement category for a child under 18 with decisions from February 2014 till now in India. Decisions refers to how many of them granted and refused.

Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We have searched and can confirm that the Home Office holds the information you have requested.

Please note that we have only provided data from February till June 2014. This is due to the fact that Jul 2014 is within the third quarter and the data has not been published yet. This will be done later this year.

The average processing time was 27 days, 98% of the applications were resolved in 60days while 99% were resolved in 120days.

Also 1125 entry clearance visas were issued in the settlement category for children under 18 and 415 applications were refused.

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 the address below, quoting reference [32516]. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response. The contact address for requesting an internal review is below:

Information Access Team Home Office Ground Floor, Seacole Building 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

E-mail: FOIRequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response.

If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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