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Dear Mr Loudon,

Thank you for your enquiry of 6 February in which you requested information on immigration applications. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

Since 2010, in how many immigration applications have Home Office staff made adverse recommendations on the basis of suspicion of involvement in war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide or torture? By the term 'immigration applications' we refer to applications for citizenship, asylum, leave to remain or leave to enter.

Response

Article 1F of the Refugee Convention provides a means to exclude individuals from refugee protection where there are serious reasons to consider that they have committed certain serious crimes and they are avoiding being brought to international or national justice to be held to account for their actions. More information is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/people-excluded-from-refugee-status-under-article-1f-of-the-refugee-convention>

The Home Office publishes data on the number of refusals of asylum applications (main applicants), on a quarterly basis, in table as_01_q ([asylum, volume 1](#)) of the

quarterly Immigration Statistics release. Refusals under Article 1F are a sub-set of the total refusals in this published data.

Over the period from 1 January 2010 to 30 September 2018 (the most recent period for which data are available), 138 applications for asylum were refused under Article 1F.

The Home Office does not regularly publish figures on Citizenship or Leave to Enter refusals on the basis of suspicion of involvement in war crimes. However, I can confirm that from 1 January 2010 to 30 September 2018, there were 330 individuals refused Citizenship and 4 individuals refused Leave to Enter on the basis of suspicion of involvement in war crimes. Please note, these statistics have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated

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 52267. 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 will be reassessed by staff 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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