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To

Adv. Benjamin Agsteribbe
Via the Attorney's Office

Re: Application under the Freedom of Information Law, 5758-1998
The Minister of Interior's decision to upgrade 2,104 sponsored individuals undergoing family unification processes, HCJ 813/14 et al.

State's notice of: 11.4.2016 and 4.8.2016

Notice in the Population Authority's website of 13.6.2016

In response to your application on the above-captioned subject, here is the response of the professional entities in our office:

The figures were extracted from the computerized system according to the specification described at the beginning of the response. We wish to clarify that, like any extraction from a complex data system, there may be a standard deviation, so presumably the figures are not absolutely accurate.

First, it should be noted that the following breakdowns were made according to the group number which is **1996** sponsored individuals.

1. (a) **789** sponsored married to citizens.
(b) **1207** sponsored married to permanent residents.
(c) All of the sponsored who meet the criteria received summons for status upgrade; applications which were refused due to security and criminal reasons received refusal letters.

- 2. Regarding sponsored individuals belonging to the group and married to residents:**
 - (a) **1156** are treated at the Population Authority bureau in East Jerusalem.
 - (b) **51** are treated at Population Authority bureaus across the country.
 - 3. Regarding sponsored individuals belonging to the group and married to citizens:**
 - (a) The status of **569** sponsored who are married to citizens was upgraded.
 - (b) (c) [*sic*] The status of **215** sponsored was not upgraded – of them **6** were not upgraded due to a security preclusion; **8** were not upgraded due to a criminal preclusion; **198** were not upgraded because they did not meet the criteria stipulated in the Minister's decision (among the reasons: center of life, abandonment, death, divorce); **1** was taken out of the process due to a security preclusion; **2** were taken out of the process due to a criminal preclusion.
 - 4. Regarding sponsored individuals married to residents and treated in the East Jerusalem bureau:**
 - (a) The status of **975** sponsored who are married to residents and treated in the East Jerusalem bureau was upgraded.
 - (b) (c) [*sic*] The status of **181** sponsored was not upgraded – of them **22** were not upgraded due to a security preclusion; **6** were not upgraded due to a criminal preclusion; **151** were not upgraded because they did not meet the criteria stipulated in the Minister's decision (among the reasons: center of life, abandonment, death, divorce); **1** was taken out of the process due to a security preclusion; **1** were taken out of the process due to a criminal preclusion.
 - 5. Regarding sponsored individuals married to residents and treated in other bureaus:**
 - (a) The status of **29** sponsored who are married to residents and treated in other bureaus was upgraded.
 - (b) The status of **22** was not upgraded because they did not meet the criteria stipulated in the Minister's decision (among the reasons: abandonment, death, divorce).
- The data on those who were not upgraded, includes a small number of sponsored who have not yet completed the examination/upgrade.

Sincerely,

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Mali Davidian

Freedom of Information Law Supervisor

According to Section 7(e) of the Freedom of Information Law, 5758-1998, a petition may be filed against this decision to the Court for Administrative Affairs.