

Asunto: Information on Immigration Related Detention

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Dear Mrs Medland and Mr Flynn,

On 15 March 2013, the State Border Guard Service at the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania received 2 Your requests for information on immigration related detention.

Please find our answers below:

- 1) Please provide a complete list of the names and locations of all the facilities that currently are in use for the purpose of confining non-citizens in administrative detention for periods exceeding three days because of immigration-related reasons.**

According to the Law on the Legal Status of Aliens (Article 2), **Alien's detention** means temporary accommodation of an alien in the Aliens Registration Centre, where the alien's freedom of movement is restricted on the grounds and for the period specified by Law on the Legal Status of Aliens.

There is one detention centre for illegal immigrants in Lithuania – **Foreigners Registration Centre** (hereinafter as FRC). It is a unit of the State Border Guard Service at the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania and it is located in Pabradė, Vilnius str. 100. The FRC is the only facility in Lithuania providing, upon court decisions, temporary domicile to foreigners who illegally entered or stayed in Lithuania (except unaccompanied minors). Upon decisions by the Migration Department, the FRC also accommodates asylum applicants (except unaccompanied minors).

- 2) Please provide the total number of people detained for immigration-related reasons during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012.**

Here are the statistics of illegal immigrants, who were detained in the FRC in 2010, 2011 and 2012:

Detention facility	Number of illegal immigrants in detention (number of persons) in 2010	Number of illegal immigrants in detention (number of persons) in 2011	Number of illegal immigrants in detention (number of persons) in 2012
1. Foreigners Registration Centre	121	200	325

These numbers include all detained illegal immigrants who neither had applied for asylum before their accommodation at the FRC nor did apply for asylum at the moment of their accommodation at the FRC.

- 3) Please provide the total number of asylum seekers who were placed in detention**

during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Asylum seekers may be detained if there are grounds for detention, laid down in the Law on the Legal Status of Aliens, Article 113.

Here are the statistics of asylum seekers, who were detained in the FRC in 2010, 2011 and 2012:

Detention facility	Number of asylum seekers in detention (number of persons) in 2010	Number of asylum seekers in detention (number of persons) in 2011	Number of asylum seekers in detention (number of persons) in 2012
1. Foreigners Registration Centre	10	46	60

These numbers include all detained illegal immigrants who had applied for asylum before their accommodation at the FRC or applied for asylum at the moment of their accommodation at the FRC.

Questions related to minors

- 1) Please indicate how many minors (anyone under the age of 18) were placed in any form of immigration-related detention (including specialized detention centers, secure shelters, secure reception centers, juvenile offender facilities) during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012.**

Here are the statistics of minors, who were placed in the FRC in 2010, 2011 and 2012:

Detention facility	Number of minors 2010	Number of minors 2011	Number of minors 2012
1. Foreigners Registration Centre	11	13	3

- 2) Of the total number of minors placed in immigration-related detention during 2010, 2011, and 2012, how many were accompanied minors and how many were unaccompanied minors?**

Please find the numbers of accompanied and unaccompanied minors, who were placed in the FRC in 2010, 2011 and 2012:

	Total	Accompanied	Unaccompanied
2010	11	10	1
2011	13	9	4
2012	3	3	-

Under Lithuanian legislation, unaccompanied minors are accommodated at the Refugees Reception Center under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter as Refugees Reception Center).

Unaccompanied minors in the FRC were the minors, about whose age the court had serious doubts. Later, when their real age was identified, they were moved to the Refugees Reception Center (except 1 unaccompanied minor who has absconded the FRC).

Please refer to the Refugees Reception Center for the submission of statistics of accommodated unaccompanied minors.

Yours Sincerely,

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