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Estonian Ministry of the Interior

Ms Lydia Medland

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Request for Information

Dear Lydia Medland

Please find enclosed Estonian responses to Your questions related to detention of aliens.

Sincerely Yours,

(allkirjastatud digitaalselt)

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Chief of Migration and Border Guard Policy Department

Annex: Responses to the questions (2 pages);  
Statistics in Excel format (1 page).

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## Request for Information on Immigration Related Detention

**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.<sup>i</sup>**

Estonian Expulsion Centre is located in Harku parish (15 km from Tallinn) and can accommodate up to 80 persons. Expulsion Centre is a special facility for detention of third country nationals to be expelled.

A person to be expelled may also be detained in a police detention house for up to thirty days instead of an expulsion centre. In Estonia, there are 15 police detention houses.

**Please provide the total number of people detained for immigration-related reasons during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012.<sup>ii</sup>**

Year	Total
2010	40
2011	62
2012	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

**Please provide the total number of asylum seekers who were placed in detention during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012.<sup>iii</sup>**

	2010	2011	2012	Total
Asylum seekers who lodged application at the Expulsion centre	5	8	8	<b>21</b>

Total number of asylum seekers who were placed in a Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers for more than 3 days<sup>1</sup>:

2010	2011	2012	Total

<sup>1</sup> Reception Centre is an open centre where the asylum seekers are not detained.

Asylum seekers who were placed in the Reception Centre	21	44	47	112
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**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.**

Minors who were placed in detention

	2010	2011	2012	Total
Number of minors	1	4	1	6

**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?**

Accompanied and unaccompanied minors placed in detention

	2010	2011	2012	Total
Accompanied minors	1	0	0	1
Unaccompanied minors	0	4	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

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<sup>i</sup> The list should include any facility where an individual is prevented from freely leaving the facility at his or her will. In addition to long-term detention facilities used for the purposes of facilitating deportation (including both criminal prisons and specially designed immigration detention centers), this list should include any "reception centers" that prevent asylum seekers from freely exiting the premises; any shelters or juvenile centers that deprive minors, including both accompanied and unaccompanied minors, of their liberty; as well as any transit facilities or border guard stations located in airports or other ports of entry into the country that can hold people for more than three days to prevent entry into the country.

<sup>ii</sup> Please briefly explain who is included in these totals (for example, do they include unaccompanied minors, asylum seekers waiting for decisions on their claims, illegal immigrants in deportation proceedings, and/or non-citizens who have been placed in deportation proceedings after a criminal conviction?).

<sup>iii</sup> Please indicate if this list includes both people who have been detained after filing an asylum request either upon entry as well as those who filed a claim after being apprehended. Also, please indicate if this list includes asylum seekers who have been placed in secure reception centers for periods exceeding three days. If it does not, can you provide separate statistics indicating the numbers of asylum seekers placed in secure reception centers for periods exceeding three days for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012?