

## **Statistics on Asylum Seeker benefit applicants over the last ten years.**

### **Administrative benefit data on Asylum Seekers**

DWP's Information Directorate produces statistics on, amongst other things, benefit claimants in Great Britain, using data from the department's administrative computer systems. For the income-related benefits – Income Support (IS), Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Benefit (CTB) – this admin data allows us to identify asylum seekers in receipt of those benefits, plus other details of the benefit award e.g. claim start date and amount of benefit in payment. However, no information is held on our statistical data extracts relating to the immigration status or nationality/country of origin of the claimant.

### **Published Statistics on Asylum Seekers in the Income Support Quarterly Statistical Enquiry**

Tables 7.1 to 7.3 of DWP's Quarterly Statistical Enquiry (QSE) for Income Support (IS) publish caseloads of asylum seekers claiming IS, plus average amounts of IS in payment. This information can be accessed on the Internet via the link below. These tables have been published each quarter since February 1997:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/isqse.asp>

Prior to February 1997, the tables published in the Income Support Quarterly Statistical Enquiry were in a different format. These tables are attached in a separate document "**Asylum Seekers on Income Support – 1994 to 1996**". There is one table per quarter, with the exception of May 1994 where additional breakdowns were also published.