

Appendix A i)

In reply to Keith Ng's letter (see A ii) overleaf), Ms Coddington stated:

"Ng alleges my statistics were wrong. He's the one who's mistaken. He uses "crime statistics" involving all Asians aged 0 to 99 to show "the number of offences attributed to Asians in 2001 was 3182. In 2005? 3182", a difference of "precisely zero". My North & South article clearly stated: "Statistics New Zealand national apprehension figures from 1996 to 2005, total offences committed by Asiatics (not including Indian) [Statistics' definition, not mine] aged 17 to 50 rose 53 per cent from 1791 to 2751. Instead of covering just four years (as opposed to my decade) and all ages, Ng should compare like with like if he wants to successfully discredit my article."

Mr Ng's letter did in fact compare the entire decade's crime statistics, calculating the 'Asiatic' arrest rate against the East and Southeast Asian population increase from 1996-2005, to arrive at the decrease in 'Asiatic' crime rates. To exactly compare 'like with like' as Ms Coddington has requested, I have recalculated this for the same restricted age group used by her in the article, and compared it with the statistics for the full age range. However, this shows almost no difference to Mr Ng's original analysis and conclusion, which was that the arrest rate of East and Southeast Asians is actually decreasing.

We can see that this decrease in arrest rates is significant, builds on an existing under-representation in crime, and that just as Mr Ng stated, there has been *no net increase in "Asiatic" arrests the last five years.*

Table 1. Under-representation of 'Asiatic' arrests aged 17-50, 1996-2005

	'Asiatic' arrests aged 17-50	Total arrests aged 17-50	'Asiatic' arrests aged 17-50 as percentage of total arrests aged 17-50	'Asiatic' population as percentage of total population	Under-representation of 'Asiatics' aged 17-50 in arrests
1996	1791	145700	1.2%	3%	Approx 2½:1
2001	2753	147196	1.87%	4.6%	Approx 2½:1
2005	2752	146929	1.87%	6.5%	Approx 3½:1

Table 2. Under-representation of 'Asiatic' arrests aged 0-99, 1996-2005

	Total 'Asiatic' arrests	Total arrests	Total 'Asiatic' arrests as percentage of total arrests	'Asiatic' population as percentage of total population	Under-representation of all 'Asiatics' in arrests
1996	2293	195088	1.2%	3%	Approx 2½ :1
2001	3182	196400	1.6%	4.6%	Approx 3:1
2005	3182	193898	1.6%	6.5%	Approx 4:1

Note: 'Asiatics' is police terminology used to physically describe people arrested, and does not necessarily correlate to ethnicity. 'Asiatic' is a separate police category from 'Indian'. These calculations are based on the assumption that both East and Southeast Asians would be physically classified by police as 'Asiatic' and South Asians as 'Indian'. Approximately 70% of the Asian population is East and Southeast Asian, and approximately 30% is South Asian, according to regular Census results, and proportions have not changed significantly in the last decade. The above table calculates the 'Asiatic' population percentage by taking 70% of the 'Asian' population percentage for those years, which have been 4.5%, 6.6% and 9.2% respectively.