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Dear A KS

Thank you for your email on 24 February 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

- 1: Total Count of EOIs currently in the Parents residency visa pool. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too as 1 EOI can have more than 1 applicant.*
- 2: Count of EOIs which have been submitted before 15 September 2018 and are still in the pool. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too.*
- 3: Please share any documents or communication emails showing considerations of reopening Parents residency visa EOIs selection which was paused last year*

Our response

1: Total Count of EOIs currently in the Parents residency visa pool. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too as 1 EOI can have more than 1 applicant.

As at 9 March 2021 there were 5,341 Parent Residence Expressions of Interest (EOIs) in the pool that were accepted by Immigration New Zealand (INZ). These EOIs have a total person count of 8,593 people.

2: Count of EOIs which have been submitted before 15 September 2018 and are still in the pool. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too.

As at 9 March 2021 there were 3,621 Parent Residence EOIs in the pool that were accepted by INZ before 15 September 2018. These EOIs have a total person count of 6,060 people.

3: Please share any documents or communication emails showing considerations of reopening Parents residency visa EOIs selection which was paused last year.

The attached appendix contains the relevant document extract which answers questions 3

Please note that sections of the document have been withheld as they are out of scope of the request.

You have the right to contest the decision to withhold information by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Adam Jones, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at adam.jones@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N Hogg', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

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