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Dear Jacob Bobby E

Thank you for your email of 3 October 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) regarding information as follows:

- 1. Does the Visitor Visa Application Criteria - Partnership include both Partner of a New Zealander Visitor visa and General Visitor visa that is supported by a New Zealander partner? I am of the understanding that General Visitor visa applications supported by a New Zealander partner are being considered by INZ as partnership based.*
- 2. The Partner of a New Zealander visitor visa applications that INZ Mumbai has received in the month of February 2019, until which date have they completed allocating to an Immigration Officer.*
- 3. Total number of trained immigration officers available in INZ Mumbai to handle partnership based visa applications, as of today.*
- 4. Do you have plans to increase the number of immigration officers that will handle partnership applications currently handled by INZ Mumbai*

**Our response**

- 1. Please note the Visitor Visa Partnership figures are for applications lodged under this specific category of Visitor Visa. Different Immigration Instructions are applied to applications lodged under General Visitor Visa, and these Visitor Visas may or may not have a New Zealand partner.*
- 2. As of 01 October 2019, INZ Mumbai officer were allocating applications from 05 March 2019 onwards.*



3. *As at 23 October 2019, INZ has 30 immigration officers in its Mumbai office who are able to assess partnership applications.*
4. *INZ's Mumbai office is no longer processing new partnership applications. INZ's Hamilton Office has grown significantly over the last 18 months to establish itself as the primary INZ partnership hub.*

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Aurora Tang, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at [Aurora.Tang@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Aurora.Tang@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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