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Ref: DOIA 2021-0252

Dear Satish,

Thank you for your email on 30 July 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

I would like to make an OIA request for the following information about Expression of Interest under Parent category:

- 1. No. of application remaining in Dec 2018 to Jan 1st week Queue, date wise (for an example on 18th Dec there were 500 applications lodged and 200 are already assigned to CO now), and 19th Dec count vs assigned, 20th Dec Lodgements count vs assigned to CO, 21st Dec Lodgements and so on up to 1st week of Jan/or until the staff returned from Christmas break (in short each day's lodgement count and how many are already assigned to CO).*
- 2. How many applications were accepted by INZ right from Jan 2019 to Aug 2019 (each month Break up)?*
- 3. How many applications are offshore based which were lodged from Jan 2019 to Aug 2019 (each month break up)?*
- 4. How many applications INZ has assigned to CO after Lockdown (Priority vs Nonpriority queue). for example 200 applications assigned in the first week of Aug and 150 from priority and 50 from Non Priority.*
- 5. The number of Priority queue applications pending in the queue which are waiting to be assigned to CO.*

You further advised us via email on the 25th August 2020 that you are only interested on the following questions and that we can disregard the remaining parts of your initial request:

- 1. How many applications were accepted by INZ right from 7th Jan 2019 to 31st Aug 2019 (each month Break up)?*
- 2. For the period of 7th Jan 2019 to 31st Aug 2019 how many applications are offshore based broken down by month?*

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry is actively working on your request and will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 25 September 2020. The reason for the extension relies on s15A (1)(b) of the OIA - consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Carley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Carley
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