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Dear Satish

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

- 1. No. of application remaining in Dec 2018 (starting from 18th Dec to Jan first week), date wise (for an example on 18th Dec there were 500 applications accepted by INZ and 200 are already assigned to CO now), and 19th Dec count vs assigned, 20th Dec applications accepted for processing vs assigned to CO, 21st Dec applications accepted and so on up to 1st week of Jan/or until the staff returned from Christmas break (in short application accepted by INZ each day and how many are already assigned to CO).*
- 2. How many applications were accepted by INZ right from 7th Jan 2019 to 31st Aug 2019 (each month Break up)?*
- 3. For the period of 7th Jan 2019 to 31st Aug 2019 how many applications are offshore based broken down by month?*
- 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 25 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?*

A further email was received from you on the 7 September 2020 stating that you were after the following data:

- 1) How many applications were accepted by INZ right from 7th Jan 2019 to 31st Aug 2019 (each month Break up)?*
- 2) Of these how many applications have been finalized (each month break up, Accepted vs Finalized, for example, 100 accepted, 80 finalized in Jan (till Aug) so 20 remaining and so on?*
- 3) how many application from 7th Jan 2019 to 31st Aug 2019 (each month Break up) that are accepted by INZ are offshore applications*

Our response

The skilled residence applications are made up of Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) and Residence from work (RFW) applications. They are not split into two separate queues based on application category.

Residence applications generally take longer to process than temporary applications as a residence visa allows an individual to reside in New Zealand permanently. Therefore, there is greater scrutiny of each application, which means processing times will be longer and the allocation of new applications to an immigration officer may also take longer.

Please refer attachment marked as Appendix One for the number of applications accepted by Immigration New Zealand (INZ) from 7 January 2019 to 31 August 2019 where the applicant is offshore, broken down by month as at 22 September 2020.

A second attachment is marked as Appendix Two reflecting when the above applications were decided broken by month as at 22 September 2020.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Ileini Taloa, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at ileini.taloa@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix One

The following table shows the number of skilled applications accepted by Immigration New Zealand (INZ) from 7 January 2019 to 31 August 2019 where the applicant is offshore, broken down by month as at 9 September 2020.

	Accepted		Decided		Total
	Offshore	Onshore	Offshore	Onshore	
2019-01	67	182	40	542	831
2019-02	116	395	31	585	1,127
2019-03	63	484	41	636	1,224
2019-04	62	527	33	567	1,189
2019-05	83	540	27	624	1,274
2019-06	67	540	38	593	1,238
2019-07	108	919	40	857	1,924
2019-08	99	804	24	683	1,610
Total	665	4,391	274	5,087	10,417

Appendix Two

The following table shows the month skilled applications* were decided, as at 22 September 2020.

*Applications accepted by Immigration New Zealand (INZ) between 7 January 2019 and 31 August 2019

Month Accepted	Month Decided	Accepted		Completed		Total
		Offshore	Onshore	Offshore	Onshore	
2019-01	Yet to be decided	60	135	.	.	195
	2019-01	.	.	3	38	41
	2019-02	.	.	10	116	126
	2019-03	.	.	8	60	68
	2019-04	.	.	3	30	33
	2019-05	.	.	2	25	27
	2019-06	.	.	.	11	11
	2019-07	.	.	1	27	28
	2019-08	.	.	2	21	23
	2019-09	1	.	.	12	13
	2019-10	1	.	1	19	21
	2019-11	1	1	2	11	15
	2019-12	.	3	2	23	28
	2020-01	.	2	1	22	25
	2020-02	1	4	3	15	23
	2020-03	2	1	.	13	16
	2020-05	.	2	1	11	14
	2020-06	.	5	.	24	29
	2020-07	.	7	.	34	41
	2020-08	.	11	1	19	31
2020-09	1	11	.	11	23	
		67	182	40	542	831
2019-02	Yet to be decided	111	322	.	.	433
	2019-02	1	.	7	84	92
	2019-03	.	.	5	177	182
	2019-04	.	.	3	68	71
	2019-05	1	.	2	46	49
	2019-06	.	1	2	12	15
	2019-07	.	.	4	33	37
	2019-08	.	.	1	12	13
	2019-09	.	.	.	19	19
	2019-10	.	.	1	8	9
	2019-11	.	1	.	23	24
	2019-12	.	.	2	12	14
	2020-01	.	.	.	8	8
	2020-02	.	.	1	9	10
	2020-03	.	1	1	5	7
	2020-05	.	.	.	2	2
	2020-06	.	.	.	12	12

	2020-07	.	3	1	5	9
	2020-08	1	7	1	19	28
	2020-09	2	60	.	31	93
		116	395	31	585	1127
2019-03	Yet to be decided	62	456	.	.	518
	2019-03	.	.	5	130	135
	2019-04	.	.	14	181	195
	2019-05	.	1	8	135	144
	2019-06	1	.	.	43	44
	2019-07	.	1	2	33	36
	2019-08	.	.	3	16	19
	2019-09	.	.	1	16	17
	2019-10	.	.	1	19	20
	2019-11	.	1	1	9	11
	2019-12	.	1	1	6	8
	2020-01	.	.	2	9	11
	2020-02	.	.	1	.	1
	2020-03	.	1	.	3	4
	2020-05	.	.	.	1	1
	2020-06	.	1	2	10	13
	2020-07	.	.	.	9	9
	2020-08	.	1	.	5	6
2020-09	.	21	.	11	32	
		63	484	41	636	1224
2019-04	Yet to be decided	62	518	.	.	580
	2019-04	.	.	4	86	90
	2019-05	.	.	14	173	187
	2019-06	.	.	5	110	115
	2019-07	.	.	2	57	59
	2019-08	.	.	.	33	33
	2019-09	.	.	1	12	13
	2019-10	.	.	1	22	23
	2019-11	.	1	2	5	8
	2019-12	.	1	.	15	16
	2020-01	.	.	.	11	11
	2020-02	.	.	2	7	9
	2020-03	.	1	.	3	4
	2020-05	.	1	.	5	6
	2020-06	.	.	1	10	11
	2020-07	.	1	.	8	9
	2020-08	.	.	1	8	9
	2020-09	.	4	.	2	6
		62	527	33	567	1189
2019-05	Yet to be decided	82	534	.	.	616
	2019-05	.	.	4	114	118
	2019-06	.	.	8	174	182
	2019-07	1	.	4	140	145
	2019-08	.	1	6	63	70

	2019-09	.	.	.	28	28
	2019-10	.	.	1	21	22
	2019-11	.	.	1	14	15
	2019-12	.	.	1	14	15
	2020-01	.	.	1	11	12
	2020-02	.	.	.	4	4
	2020-03	.	.	1	4	5
	2020-05	.	.	.	4	4
	2020-06	.	2	.	13	15
	2020-07	.	.	.	10	10
	2020-08	.	1	.	8	9
	2020-09	.	2	.	2	4
		83	540	27	624	1274
2019-06	Yet to be decided	66	535	.	.	601
	2019-06	.	.	3	57	60
	2019-07	.	.	16	229	245
	2019-08	.	.	8	118	126
	2019-09	.	.	.	48	48
	2019-10	.	.	4	52	56
	2019-11	.	.	.	19	19
	2019-12	.	.	1	12	13
	2020-01	.	.	1	16	17
	2020-02	1	.	1	7	9
	2020-03	.	.	1	5	6
	2020-05	.	.	.	7	7
	2020-06	.	2	.	11	13
	2020-07	.	1	1	4	6
	2020-08	.	.	1	7	8
	2020-09	.	2	1	1	4
		67	540	38	593	1238
2019-07	Yet to be decided	102	904	.	.	1006
	2019-07	.	1	4	113	118
	2019-08	1	1	6	261	269
	2019-09	.	.	8	167	175
	2019-10	.	1	7	123	131
	2019-11	.	2	7	44	53
	2019-12	.	1	1	35	37
	2020-01	1	.	3	32	36
	2020-02	.	.	.	18	18
	2020-03	.	1	1	10	12
	2020-05	1	1	1	10	13
	2020-06	.	1	1	17	19
	2020-07	1	4	.	10	15
	2020-08	1	1	1	10	13
	2020-09	1	1	.	7	9
		108	919	40	857	1924
2019-08	Yet to be decided	96	790	.	.	886
	2019-08	.	.	1	26	27

	2019-09	1	.	3	176	180
	2019-10	.	.	11	271	282
	2019-11	.	1	3	76	80
	2019-12	1	2	3	35	41
	2020-01	.	2	2	34	38
	2020-02	.	.	1	15	16
	2020-03	.	1	.	10	11
	2020-05	.	2	.	7	9
	2020-06	.	1	.	10	11
	2020-07	1	2	.	15	18
	2020-08	.	1	.	5	6
	2020-09	.	2	.	3	5
		99	804	24	683	1610
Total		665	4391	274	5087	10417