



7 September 2020

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Ref: DOIA 2021-0311

Dear Ana Popovska Stojanovska,

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2020 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

"I have two questions regarding parents of NZ residents and citizens. A number of parents are in New Zealand under the conditions of several types of temporary visas. My first question will be to ask you to provide the exact number. The second question is how many of these parents, who are already here, have submitted EOI for Parent Resident visa. Please, if it is not much trouble, provide the number of EOIs and the number of people included in."

On 19 August you clarified your request to:

"As for my first question, please provide me with the exact number of parents in New Zealand on Parent and Grandparent Multiple Entry Visitor Visas and Visitor Visas.

As for the second question, it would be nice to know the number of EOI's for Parent Resident Visa submitted as at 10th August, but please, I would very much appreciate if you provide the number of EOI's submitted from New Zealand, rather than the ones submitted from abroad."

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry 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 28 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.

The length of extension is due to the current situation in New Zealand relating to COVID-19. Resource and capacity has been impacted by the agency working remotely and essential projects relating to the Covid-19 response.

I will respond to your request sooner if I am able to. If you would like to withdraw your request or contact us to re-scope your request, please email Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit by the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free-phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

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