



7 October 2020

Japjeet Baath
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Ref: DOIA 2021-0573

Dear Japjeet Baath,

I refer to your official information request, which was received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (the Ministry) on 9 September 2020. You requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

*I need a information regarding total pending Skilled migrant category (SMC) applications
Between 15 February 2019 to 8 July 2019 which is waiting for allocation to Case officer.*

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 21 October 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.

We will respond to your request sooner if we are able to.

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, free-phone 0800 802 602 or post to the following address:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
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Yours sincerely

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