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Ref: DOIA 1920-0762

Dear Elsa Philip

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 7 October 2020 requesting the following:

1. *Can I please have the numbers of applications that were allocated weekly from 1st August 2020 to date (priority and non priority)(week wise data)*
2. *Am I able to get the number of applications that are waiting to be allocated (oldest application in queue on the day the data is being collected) to 31st May 2019 please?*
3. *For request 2, can I also get the number of applications that are onshore non priority please?*

On 15 October your request was clarified so that question two also included the date of the oldest application on hand.

#### **Our response**

##### **Question One**

The number of applications allocated to an immigration officer each week from 1 August 2020 to 17 October 2020 is contained in the table below.

Immigration New Zealand prioritises skilled residence applications where the principal applicant works in an occupation requiring registration (where registration is required by immigration instructions) or where the principal applicant earns an hourly rate at or above twice the median wage.

Applications Allocated			
Date	Total	Priority	Non Priority
3-Aug-20	204	154	48
10-Aug-20	209	168	37
17-Aug-20	172	165	4
24-Aug-20	266	116	149
31-Aug-20	141	19	115
7-Sep-20	225	45	177
14-Sep-20	177	77	97
21-Sep-20	190	63	123
28-Sep-20	160	49	110
5-Oct-20	210	58	152
12-Oct-20	141	82	58
19-Oct-20	191	44	147

Question Two

There are 10,466 unallocated Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) applications accepted between 31 May 2019 and 17 October 2020.

The oldest unallocated SMC application accepted between 31 May 2019 and 17 October 2020 is dated 31 May 2019.

Question Three

There are 9,237 unallocated SMC applications in the onshore non-priority queue accepted between 31 May 2019 and 17 October 2020.

I trust you find the information helpful.

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If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Matt Burden, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support at [Matt.Burden@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Matt.Burden@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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