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Satish
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Ref: DOIA 2021-0998

Dear Satish

Thank you for your email on 13 November 2020 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

Can you please provide me the number of SMC onshore applications remaining in the queue which are submitted before 17th Aug 2019 in the queue waiting for allocation to a 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 06 January 2021. 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

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