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By email: fyi-request-14182-2cbe785a@requests.fyi.org.nz

File No: DOIA 2021-1042

Dear A KS

Thank you for your email of 23 November 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*Could you please give me the information about 1:- Count of Parents Residency Visa EOIs which have been submitted before 15 September 2018 and are still in the pool (queue). Please provide the count of persons too. 2:- Count of Parents Residency Visa EOIs which have been withdrawn between 8th Oct 2019 and now. Please provide the count of persons too. I have asked this information in my previous OIA request but it seems that response for (Point 2) was not fully correct.*

**Our response**

*1:- Count of Parents Residency Visa EOIs which have been submitted before 15 September 2018 and are still in the pool (queue). Please provide the count of persons too.*

As at 9 December 2020 there were 3,640 Parent Resident Visa Expressions of Interest (EOIs) in the pool that were accepted by Immigration New Zealand (INZ) on or before 15 September 2018. These EOIs have a total person count of 6,093 people.

*2:- Count of Parents Residency Visa EOIs which have been withdrawn between 8th Oct 2019 and now. Please provide the count of persons too.*

You have pointed out that in response to your OIA request 1920-1548 we stated that 1,850 EOIs had been withdrawn between 8 October 2019 and 15 June 2020, but then later when responding to your OIA request 2021-0690 we stated that only 122 EOIs had been withdrawn between 8 October 2019 and 6 October 2020. We apologise for the discrepancy in the data provided which was due to a change in the methodology for capturing the data for withdrawals.

In February 2020 the Parent Resident Visa category was re-opened with new requirements. In our response to your OIA request 2021-0690 only EOIs that were submitted under the new policy, since the category re-opened in February, that were then subsequently withdrawn, were reported. We understand that this was not the information you were looking for, and apologise for any confusion caused.

We can confirm that there were 2,225 Parent Resident Visa EOIs withdrawn between 8th October 2019 and 9th December 2020. These EOIs had a total person count of 3,783 people.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Anna McLachlan, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at [Anna.McLachlan@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Anna.McLachlan@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Hogg', written in a cursive style.

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