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Ref: DOIA 2021-1259

Dear Ana,

Thank you for your email of 07 January 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

*“Please as for my first question, provide the number of EOIs Parent Resident category that are in the pool (queue) and the number of people included in.*

*As for my second question, how many parents are currently in New Zealand that have submitted their EOI and it is a part of the pool (queue). Please provide the number of the submitters and the number of people included in the EOIs who are currently onshore”*

#### **Our Response**

In October 2020 the selection of Expressions of Interest (EOI) for residence under the Parent Category and Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) was deferred for a further 6 months. The continued deferral of these EOI selections allows Immigration New Zealand (INZ) to focus on processing applications from people who are in New Zealand or those eligible to travel here while border restrictions are in place. The Government will review this decision in March 2021 and INZ will continue to reassess when EOI selections can take place as the COVID-19 situation develops.

As at 11 January 2021, there were a total of 5,318 EOIs in the Parent Category pool, this relates to a total of 8,565 primary and secondary applicants. Of those EOIs in the Parent Category pool, 797 EOIs were submitted by applicants who were onshore as at 11 January 2021. This relates to a total of 1,188 primary and secondary applicants.

The best place to find updated information on the EOI selections is the INZ website which is being updated regularly as decisions are made: [www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19)

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

Yours sincerely,

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