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Dear Alex

**OIA request 20/21 0452 Request for deprivation statistics**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 17 February 2021.

You requested, in relation to the Citizenship Act 1977 –

- *How many times in the last five years has the Minister deprived a New Zealand citizen of their citizenship under s16 of the Act*
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You have also stipulated in your request that you would like the information broken down by year.

I can confirm the information requested up until 2019 is available online at [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz). You can locate the data by entering 'citizenship statistics' into the search bar up the top right of the page, then by selecting the link 'Citizenship Statistics – dia.govt.nz' and scrolling down to the bottom of the page.

I note the 2020 data is not currently available online however is expected to be published within the next two months.

Your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act; that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

I also note the data online does not specify which section the citizenship was deprived under however, I can confirm these were all under section 17 of the Citizenship Act 1977.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julia Taylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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