



6 April 2021

Anatoliy Goryachev

By email: fyi-request-14878-36e3aa1b@requests.fyi.org.nz

File No: DOIA 2021-1736

Dear Anatoliy Goryachev

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

1) Could you please share the numbers on how many residence applications were allocated to case officers (separately for priority and non-priority queue) for each of the weeks below:

Week commencing 04 January 2021;

Week commencing 11 January 2021;

Week commencing 18 January 2021;

Week commencing 25 January 2021;

Week commencing 01 February 2021;

Week commencing 08 February 2021;

Week commencing 15 February 2021;

Week commencing 22 February 2021;

Week commencing 01 March 2021;

Week commencing 08 March 2021;

Week commencing 15 March 2021;

Week commencing 22 March 2021;

Week commencing 29 March 2021, etc...

(Please provide numbers up to the date of the reply)

2) What is the total number of priority / non-priority applications in SMC/RFW queue currently awaiting for CO allocation? Also, please provide number of applicants behind these applications.

3) Could you please provide data for the number of EOI applications (and number of applicants behind these EOIs) currently sitting in the pool and waiting for the selection.

4) What is the total number of offshore applications in the SMC queue currently awaiting for CO allocation? Please provide number of applicants behind these applications.

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 4 May 2021.

The reason for the extension relies on section 15A(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.

We will respond to your request sooner if we are able.



You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit by the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz, free-phone 0800 802 602 or post to the following address:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Carley', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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