



27 April 2021

Artur

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Ref: DOIA 2021-1914

Dear Artur,

Thank you for your email of 27 March 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

“Could you, please, answer several question I have regarding SMC residency category queue.

1) What is the lodgement date of non-priority SMC and RFW applications you are allocating to the case officers at the time of response?

2) Could you, please, provide a weekly breakdown of non-priority and priority SMC and RFW applications you allocated to the case officers from 1 January 2021 to the time you write a response to this OIA request?

3) What are the lodgement dates of applications from non-priority and priority SMC/RFW queue you allocated to the case officers from 1 January 2021 to the time of your response? (Weakly breakdown)

4) Could you, please, provide a weakly breakdown of out-of-date-order allocations from non-priority SMC/RFW queue from 1 January 2021 to the time you give your response?

5) What are the general reasons of out-of-date order allocations from non-priority SMC/RFW queue?

6) Could you, please, provide a weakly break down of non-priority SMC/RFW applications that were allocated to the case officers as per Employment Visa Escalations (EVE) mechanism from 1 January 2021 to the time of your response to this OIA request?

7) Could you, please, clarify what sources of information have you used collating the response to my OIA request and who was involved or consulted with to answer my questions (names and positions) if allowed to be released under the Official Information Act 1982?”

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 26 May 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.

I will respond to your request sooner if I am able to. If you would like to withdraw your request or contact us to re-scope your request, please email Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz

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 or free-phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

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