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Ref: DOIA 2021-2322

S Rasool

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Dear S Rasool

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*“Please confirm the number of citizens and non-citizens within the figures provided by you;
Private Security Providers (contracted by the Ministry) 297 (How many are citizens and on any
type of visa)*

The Aviation Security Service (AvSec) 77 (How many are citizens and on any type of visa)

*Also, please confirm when were these numbers recorded ? You mentioned 24 hour period, but
which period or month?*

*Also, have the number of Private Security Providers contracted by Ministry & AvSec staff crossed
beyond these provided numbers between March 2020 till date?”*

In relation to the first part of your request, as stated in the response letter sent to you on 18 May 2021, for security staff contracted by private security firms, the Ministry does not hold the citizenship status or information related to visas/visa types for their employment. Similarly, the Ministry does not hold employee records for other government agencies.

The security staff data provided to you in May was current as of that month. Numbers vary on sites due to the ongoing daily changes in security requirements. While we are reducing our reliance on Private Security Providers and appointing a Ministry security workforce, the number of private security officers will flex to ensure we have adequate security personnel on site and contingency support to achieve appropriate cover across all sites.

To date, security numbers have been tracked at particular intervals, but will now be tracked and validated via monthly reports.

Yours sincerely

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