



10 November 2021

Ziyun (Evan) Wang

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Ref: DOIA 2122-0688

Dear Ziyun (Evan) Wang,

Thank you for your email of 22 September 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"I am writing to kindly seek the breakdown of approvals of Other Critical Worker ("OCW") Border Exemption Requests to date by occupations, months of decision, reasons for approval, background of the roles, pay, duration of the roles(short-term or long-term) and employers(if possible)."

Our Response

Please find attached Appendix A, which shows Other Critical Worker (OCW) approvals from 18 June 2020 to 11 October 2021, broken down by month of approval, Sector, and Border Exception Criteria. Note that OCW border exception requests may include multiple workers within a single request.

The following information has been withheld under section 18(f) of the Act as Immigration New Zealand is unable to provide this in a reportable format:

- Occupations
- Background of the roles
- Pay
- Employers

The information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation.

Providing this information would remove Ministry staff from their core duties and therefore the greater public interest in the effective and efficient administration of the public service would not be served. I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in both cases, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.



If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Hogg'.

Nicola Hogg
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