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Tēnā koe James

OIA request 21/22 0263 Request for the date range of processing for Citizenship Applications

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 27 September 2021.

You requested –

- *as at the date of reply, the department is working on Citizenship by Grant applications that were received in what date range?*

In response to your request, I can advise that the oldest unassigned paper application was received on 4 November 2020. The oldest unassigned online application was received on 21 December 2020.

I note that you have asked for the information to be as at the date of reply, however, because of our internal sign out processes we are not able to provide you the data from this date. The above information was captured on 19 October 2021, as this date gave us enough time to retrieve the data requested, and to provide you with the most up to date information.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

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.

Yours sincerely

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