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Dear A KS

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"In one of the old OIA requests from Nov2021, you mentioned that a briefing would be made available on the parliament website by end of Nov 2021

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffyi.org.nz%2Frequest%2F17082%2Fresponse%2F66271%2Fattach%2F%2FDOIA%25202122%25200838%2520Response%2520SIGNED.pdf&data=04%7C01%7CMinisterialServices%40mbie.govt.nz%7C8cf32efd3cf24d4302d408d9dc977f83%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C637783366248646478%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEkaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=RuwI5Hh1kmGnHcX9wVJh9aVQsTYQcFOeq37Mjfq21Vq%3D&reserved=0>

Please refer to your response above.

- 1. Could you confirm if this briefing is available on the parliament website as I can't find it after searching a lot. If it has not been released could you tell by when we can expect that to happen?*
- 2. Could you provide the Total Count of EOIs currently in the Parents residency visa pool. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too as 1 EOI can have more than 1 applicant.*
- 3. Could you provide the count of EOIs which were submitted before 15 September 2018 and are still in the pool. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too."*

Our Response

1. Could you confirm if this briefing is available on the parliament website as I can't find it after searching a lot. If it has not been released could you tell by when we can expect that to happen?

I can confirm the briefing paper is not available on the Parliament website. Please refer to Appendix One for the information requested.

Please note that some information is withheld on the following grounds:

- Section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of individuals.
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials.
- Section 9(2)(h) of the Act, to maintain legal professional privilege.
- Annex One was withheld under section 18(d) because it is publicly available here:
<https://skillshortages.immigration.govt.nz/assets/uploads/long-term-skill-shortage-list.pdf>

2. Could you provide the Total Count of EOIs currently in the Parents residency visa pool? If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too as 1 EOI can have more than 1 applicant.

As at 3 February 2022, there were 5,523 Parent Residence Expressions of Interest (EOIs) in the pool. These EOIs have a total person count of 8,713 people.

3. Could you provide the count of EOIs which were submitted before 15 September 2018 and are still in the pool? If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too.”

As at 3 February 2022, there were 3,593 EOIs accepted into the pool before 15 September 2018. These EOIs have a total person count of 5,898 people.

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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