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Ref: DOIA 2122-1736

Dear Marie,

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2022 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *I would like to know if you would be kind enough to supply me with the amount of current valid visitors visas, by type, to date as at the time of your response, as well as today's date.*

By this I mean all types or categories, previously issued visitors visas, including general visitor visas, that still have a future 'last day you may travel to New Zealand' date, and hence have not reached their expiry dates.

Our Response

In response to your request please refer to Appendices A and B. Please note, the data has been provided for the last five years as this is the maximum amount of time a temporary entry class visa can be granted for.

You will note that Appendix A has Visa Categories titled replace, label-less replace and variation of conditions (VOC). In regards to a 'replace' label, the main reason for them to be issued is when an individual obtains a new passport and a new E-visa is required for the passport; or when there is incorrect information on an E-visa and a new one is required. A Variation of Conditions is where a visa condition of an individual's substantive visa has been varied/changed.

Please refer to Appendix B for the substantive visa that relates to the 'replace' visa and VOCs.

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,

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