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Dear Ahmad

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2022, to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

How many Expressions of Interest (EOI) are currently in Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) pool? Can you please supply the information with the following breakdowns: how many are above 160 points vs how many are below, and how many are onshore vs offshore? Also how many people do those EOIs represent?

Our Response

1. How many Expressions of Interest (EOI) are currently in Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) pool?

Please refer to **Table 1** for the number of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) currently in the Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) pool.

Table 1: The number of EOIs and people represented in the SMC pool broken down by onshore and offshore, as at 14 May 2022.

Client Status	EOI	Total People
Onshore	9,679	20,306
Offshore	2,131	5,859
Total	10,810	26,165

2. Can you please supply the information with the following breakdowns: how many are above 160 points vs how many are below. Also how many people do those EOIs represent?

Please refer to **Table 2** for the requested information.

Table 2: The number of EOIs and people represented in the SMC pool, broken down by total points threshold, as at 14 May 2022.

Total Point Threshold	EOI	Total People
<160	1,022	2,531
>=160	10,788	23,634
Total	10,810	26,165

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, or if you require any further assistance, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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

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