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Dear Kirtika,

Thank you for your email of 16 July 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*“What is the date of the recent allocated File for a CAM visa Application and how many other applications are awaiting a case officer?”*

### **Our Response**

Due to the limitations of our reporting system, Immigration New Zealand (INZ) is unable to easily retrieve backdated data as to the date of the most recently allocated Culturally Arranged Marriage visa. This would require us to manually go back through each application allocated to an Immigration Officer including every application that had been allocated and decided to ascertain the last one allocated. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under Section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. This task would remove Ministry staff from their core duties and therefore the greater public interest would not be served.

However, we can advise that as at 19 July 2022, there are 113 unallocated Culturally Arranged Marriage visa applications awaiting allocation to Immigration Officers for assessment. The oldest unallocated application was lodged on 19 May 2022.

I hope you find this information useful.

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](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz)

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

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