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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request 2223-0002 - Request for citizenship processing statistics

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 1 July 2021.

You requested –

Total number of online and paper citizenship applications processing for the months of September 2021-June 2022 (as at July 1st 2022).

Table contents requested –

- *Submitted month*
- *Unassigned*
- *Processing*
- *Approved*
- *Withdrawn*
- *Total*

In response to your request, please refer to Appendix A, attached. Appendix A provides you with the following information:

- Table one – Breakdown of online citizenship by grant applications received for the period 1 September 2021 to 19 July 2022
- Table two – Breakdown of paper-based citizenship by grant applications received for the period 1 September 2021 to 19 July 2022.

It is important for me to explain that any totals of less than five have been noted as '<5' in the table, this is to ensure the privacy of individuals is protected. As a result, I am also unable to provide the 'total' number of applications as requested, as providing the 'total' would enable someone to calculate the specific numbers that have been protected by using '<5'.

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.

Ngā mihi

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