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Tēnā koe Alexandr

OIA request 22/23 0094 Request for numbers of Citizenship Application processing

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 2 August 2022.

You requested -

would like to request information about the number of online and paper New Zealand Citizenship applications received and processed by the Department of Internal Affairs in the months of June 2021, July 2021, August 2021, September 2021, October 2021, November 2021, and December 2021 in the following format:

| Submitted Month | Unassigned | Processing | Approved | Withdrawn | Total.

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

Please see the Appendix A attached alongside this letter. Appendix A includes Table A: Citizenship by Grant online applications from Jun 2021 to Dec 2021 broken down into month received, unassigned, processing, approved and withdrawn. Table B shows Citizenship by Grant paper applications from June 2021 to Dec 2021 broken down into month received, unassigned, processing, approved and withdrawn. Both tables are current as of 11 August 2022.

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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