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Tēnā koe Robin

OIA request 22/23 0123 Request for Citizenship Timeframes

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 12 August 2022.

You requested –

- *Wish to know the following data for paper based applications made in Auckland only for the said three months:*

May 2021, June 2021, July 2021 and August 2021.

Total applications - Processed - Yet to be processed - Approved - Declined/Withdrawn.

please provide the data that existed as on 05th Sept.

In response to your request I can advise that the information requested will be made available soon via a proactively released Official Information Act (OIA) response, available here: [Official Information Act Requests-2 - dia.govt.nz](http://dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2) under OIA 2223-0120.

Therefore, I must refuse this part of your request pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act; that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

As a portion of your request (the dates for the data) did not exist when we received it, we have been unable to provide you with this information. Instead, the data provided in the OIA that will be proactively released is for the status as at 17 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Julia Taylor
Manager Operational Policy and Official Correspondence
Service Delivery and Operations