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Tēnā koe Hardy

OIA request 22/23 0216 Request for Citizenship Timeframes

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

You requested –

 Can you please share the info about the citizenship by grant applications made in the months of July21 to Dec21 in Auckland region - made in paper and online separately?
Please provide it in your usual format - Month - yet to be processed - Approved withdrawn – Total

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

Please see Appendix A attached alongside this letter. Appendix A provides you with a breakdown of the following information:

Table one – Online Applications received from July 2021 to December 2021 broken down into month received, approved, declined, processing, unassigned and withdrawn as of 20 September 2022. I note, applications submitted through the digital channel cannot be broken down by their location received.

Table two – Paper Applications in the Auckland region received from July 2021 to December 2021 broken down into month received, approved, declined, processing, unassigned and withdrawn as of 20 September 2022.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: <u>https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2</u>.

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,

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