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Ref: DOIA 2223-0609

Dear Wendy,

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2022, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

As per your response at DOIA 2122-1465 on 21 February 2022, 5,523 Parent Residence Expressions of Interest (EOIs) were in the pool as of 3 February 2022. These EOIs have a total person count of 8,713 people.

And per your response at DOIA 2223-0172 on 18 August 2022, a total of 5,618 Parent Residence Expressions of Interest (EOIs) were in the pool as of 30 July 2022. These EOIs have a total person count of 8,847 people.

From the data, it seems the EOI number increased. Could you please clarify if people can still submit a parent category expression of interest? If they can, on which instructions their parent residence applications will be assessed when the selection reopens?

Our Response

Since March 2020, selections of expressions of interest (EOIs) under the Parent Resident Visa category have been suspended, though EOIs may still be submitted. All submitted EOIs will be placed in a queue based on the date the EOI was accepted. When the visa category reopens, we will select EOIs by the date we originally received them. Once the EOI is selected it will be assessed against any new visa requirements.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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