

## MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION & EMPLOYMENT HĪKINA WHAKATUTUKI



## 18 November 2022

Kiritika fyi-request-20903-bcd155a8@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: DOIA 2223-0810

Dear Kiritika,

Thank you for your email of 18 October 2022, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. I would like to request information on whether there is a queue for Partner of New Zealander Work Visa's (onshore). If there is one are you able to please confirm the date it is currently at (specific month and date please)?
- 2. What is the current processing rate of this visa per week?

## **Our Response**

- As at 21 October 2022, the oldest unallocated onshore Partner of a New Zealand Resident or Citizen work visa application was accepted for processing by Immigration New Zealand (INZ) on 2 August 2022.
- 2) From 23 October to 13 November 2022, the current processing rate for Partner of a New Zealand Resident or Citizen work visa applications has averaged 71 decisions per week.

For more information on processing timeframes please refer to our website: <u>https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/waiting-for-a-visa/how-long-it-takes-to-process-your-visa-application</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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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