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Ref: DOIA – 2223 - 1599

Dear Ziyun,

Thank you for your email of 24 January 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I am writing to kindly seek the below updated information associated with Accreditation, Job Check and Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) applications:

- 1. How many applications (Accreditation, Job Check, AEWV) that INZ has received thus far?*
- 2. How many applications (Accreditation, Job Check, AEWV) have been approved thus far?*
- 3. How many applications (Accreditation, Job Check, AEWV) have been declined thus far?*
- 4. What are the top industries hiring migrants under AEWVs?*
- 5. A) How long is the processing time for each stage and
B) the reasons for the increased processing time for each stage if applicable?*

Our Response

Questions One, Two and Three: The information requested is presented in **Table One** of the **Appendix**.

Question Four: The information requested is presented in **Table Two** of the **Appendix**.

Question Five A: The request for information related to the processing times is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available on the following link: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/waiting-for-a-visa/how-long-it-takes-to-process-your-visa-application>.

Question Five B: Delays in processing tend to be due to missing information which needs to be provided by the applicant. Immigration New Zealand is taking a pragmatic approach to processing applications across the three Accredited Employer Work Visa gateways and continues to review and refine processes to improve timeliness and the customer experience.

I hope you find this information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. 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, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix

Table One: The number of decided Employer Accreditation, Job Check and Accredited Employer Work visa applications as at 2 February 2023:

Application type	Received	Approved	Declined or withdrawn
Employer Accreditation	18,217	17,387	90
Job Check	22,919	21,565	278
Accredited Employer Work Visa	40,773	30,744	524

Table Two: Top 10 industries hiring migrants under the Accredited Employer Work Visas as at 2 February 2023:

Top 10 Industries	No. of visa approved
Construction	13,944
Hospitality	4,813
Health	2,978
Primary Industry	2,511
Transportation and Logistics	2,040
Retail	1,549
Other	1,457
ICT	1,115
Education	645
Tourism	58