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Tēnā koe Ziyun,

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2023, to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) 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. How long is the processing time for each stage and the reasons for the increased processing time for each stage if applicable?*

Our Response

Questions 1-3:

Please see **Table One** below for the total number of received, approved and declined applications for Employer Accreditation, Job Check and Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV), as at 18 March 2023.

Table One

Application Stage	Status		
	Received	Approved	Declined
Employer Accreditation	20,887	20,136	17
Job Check	28,017	26,758	18
AEWV	55,039	44,033	192

Note: The difference between received and approved/declined are those applications still under assessment.

Question four:

The top 10 industries hiring migrants under the AEWV policy are: Construction, Health, Hospitality, Primary Industry, Transportation and Logistics, Retail, Other (Arts, Entertainment, Media, Professional, Recreational), ICT, Education and Tourism.

Question five:

Please see **Table Two** below for the processing timeframes for Employer Accreditation, Job Check and AEWV's, as at 18 March 2023. The increased difference between the processing timeframe for AEWV in relation to the other two stages listed is a result of the surge of applications received by INZ prior to the median wage increase which happened on 27 February 2023.

Table Two

Application Stage	Timeframe*	
	50% Applications completed within (weekdays)	90% Applications Completed Within (Weekdays)
Employer Accreditation	5	18
Job Check	5	19
AEWV	18	48

**Time to Complete is the time in week days it takes for an application to go from tendered status to decided status.*

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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