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Tēnā koe John,

Thank you for your email of 18 March 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

- 1. May I request for the number of remaining RV21 applications by statuses: Preparing Application, Gathering Info, Under Assessment.
- 2. Also, updated list of accredited employers under the AEWV scheme as at 20 March 2023.

Our Response

Question One: The number of 2021 Resident Visa applications submitted via the Enhanced Immigration Online system, broken down by application status *Preparing Application, Gathering Info, Under Assessment.* as at 23 March 2023.

Application Status	Number of applications
Preparing application	1,693
Gathering information	4,241
Under assessment	10,818

I have added a link to the Immigration New Zealand website that has the latest 2021 Resident Visa processing statistics for your reference:

https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/waiting-for-a-visa/how-long-it-takes-to-process-your-visa-application/2021-resident-visa-processing-times

Question Two: Please see Appendix 1 for the list of Accredited Employers under the Accredited Employer Work Visa Scheme as at 20 March 2023.

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

Nāku iti nei, nā

Lee.

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