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Ref: DOIA 2223-2114

Tēnā koe Anil,

Thank you for your email of 20 March 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *I would like to request information on Partner of New Zealander Work Visas. What is the latest application that has case officer assigned.*
2. *How many applications are being processed per week?*

On 24 March 2023, the Ministry sent you a letter to confirm if you were asking for the date when the most recent Partner of a New Zealander Work Visa application was allocated to a case officer in **Question One** and to specify the timeframe in **Question Two**. As we have not received your clarification to date, the below response is based on the Ministry's interpretation of your request.

Our Response

Question One:

As at 4 April 2023, the most recent Partner of a New Zealander Work Visa application allocated to a case officer was received around 23 January 2023. Partner of a New Zealander Work Visa applications are taking approximately 70 days to be allocated to a case officer. Additional immigration officers have recently been allocated to this work stream.

Visa applications are generally processed according to the date they are received. However, there are times when applications may be given priority allocation based on the particular circumstances of the applicant.

Question Two:

Please refer to the attached appendix for the number of Partner of a New Zealander Work Visa applications processed every week between 10 April 2022 and 9 April 2023.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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