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Ref: DOIA 2223-2636

Anakkapan Kanlayaprasit
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Tēnā koe Anakkapan,

Thank you for your letter of 13 May 2023, to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

“May I request for the number of remaining RV21 categorised by the month they went into Under Assessment status?”

Our Response

To provide information on the month when a 2021 Resident Visa application’s status changed to ‘Under Assessment’ would require the manual checking of all applications currently under assessment which would take significant resources to do as the information is not held in a reportable format. Therefore your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as some of the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. This task would remove Ministry staff from their core duties and therefore the greater public interest would not be served.

In accordance with section 18(a) of the Act, we have considered whether fixing a charge under section 15 or extending the time limit under section 15(a) would enable the request to be granted but it is our opinion that it would not.

However, please refer to the table below for the number of 2021 Resident Visa applications submitted via the Enhanced Immigration Online system, where the status is ‘under assessment’ broken down by the month submitted, as at 27 May 2023.

Month application submitted	Number of applications with the status ‘under assessment’
March 2022	3,664
April 2022	432
May 2022	253
June 2022	190
July 2022	571
Total	5,110

Below is 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>

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen', with a large loop at the end.

Richard Owen

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Immigration New Zealand