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Ref: DOIA 2223-2942

Tēnā koe Ankur,

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*"I am writing to inquire about the number of Expressions of Interest (EOI) and applicants that have been lodged for the upcoming ballot.*

- 1) Specifically, I would like to obtain information regarding the total number of EOIs and applicants received since the announcement of the ballot system.*
- 2) Furthermore, I am eager to know the scheduled date for the first draw from the ballot. It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide me with the exact date on which the first draw is planned to take place.*
- 3) Additionally, I would like to be informed about the dates for subsequent draws from the ballot, if possible."*

## **Our Response**

*Question one:*

As at 5 July 2023, the total number of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) submitted for the Parent Resident Visa category, since 12 October 2022, is 3,359, and these EOIs contain 5,093 applicants.

*Question two:*

The first draw of EOIs for Parent Resident Visa category is planned to take place on 8 August 2023.

*Question three:*

The EOI draw for the Parent Resident Visa category will take place quarterly. That is the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November. For more information regarding Parent Resident Visa EOI selection process, please refer to the link below:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/support-family/parent-resident-visa-eoi-selection>



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](http://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](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz).  
Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Vaughan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Stephen Vaughan**  
Chief Operating Officer  
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