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Tēnā koe Ice

Thank you for your email of 8 August 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Could you please provide an update information as per below in the table for the last 4 quarterly EOI selection from the queued pool.*

*Table 1: Contains 4 columns represent EOI Selection date in*

- *November 2022*
- *February 2023*
- *May 2023*
- *August 2023*

*9 rows represent data below in each EOI Selection date*

- *Number of EOIs selected*
- *Number of applicants from selected EOIs*
- *Number of Invitations to Apply (ITA) issued*
- *Number of applications submitted*
- *Number of applicants from submitted applications*
- *Number of approved applications*
- *Number of applicants from approved applications*
- *Number of declined applications -Number of applicants from declined applications*

*Table 2: Timeframes between applications received and being decided since November 2022 until present, breakdown by*

- *Average number of days in weekdays*
- *90% of applications completed in xx weekdays*

On 5 September 2023, MBIE notified you that we had decided to grant your request, but that it would take some time to process.



## Our Response

Please see Table 1 for the requested data on Parent Resident Visa expressions of interest (EOI) and invitations to apply (ITA).

Table 1: Number of EOIs selected, applicants included in those EOIs, and the number of ITAs that have been issued, broken down by EOI selection date, as at 6 September 2023.

|                                   | EOI selection date |               |          |             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|-------------|
|                                   | November 2022      | February 2023 | May 2023 | August 2023 |
| EOIs selected                     | 371                | 1,100         | 670      | 1,100       |
| Applicants represented by the EOI | 600                | 1,779         | 1,093    | 1,782       |
| ITAs issued                       | 181                | 752           | 488      | 679         |

Please see Table 1.1 for the requested data on Parent Resident Visa applications, broken down by EOI selection date.

Table 1.1: Number of ITA recipients that subsequently submitted a Parent Resident Visa application (and the associated number of applicants) and the number of applications approved and declined (and the associated number of applicants), as at 12 September 2023.

|   | EOI selection date |               |          |             |
|---|--------------------|---------------|----------|-------------|
|   | November 2022      | February 2023 | May 2023 | August 2023 |
| Applications submitted                            | 205                | 577           | 392      | 25          |
| Applicants included (from submitted applications) | 306                | 896           | 586      | 27          |
| Applications approved                             | 31                 | 118           | 22       | 0           |
| Applicants included (from approved applications)  | 43                 | 168           | 30       | 0           |
| Applications declined                             | 4                  | 0             | 0        | 0           |
| Applicants included (from declined applications)  | 5                  | 0             | 0        | 0           |

Please note applications are manually matched to EOI selection dates. Due to previously withdrawn EOIs being resubmitted to the queue and then selected, the number of applications submitted may exceed the number of ITAs issued.

Table 1.2: Number of weekdays between applications being lodged and decided, broken down by average and 90 per cent completed days, between 1 November 2022 and 8 August 2023.

| Processing timeframe (weekdays) |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Average number                  | 74  |
| 90% completed within            | 100 |

Please refer to the link below for more information on the Parent Resident Visa EOI selection process:

<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 this decision. 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)

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jock Gilray', written in a cursive style.

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