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Tēnā koe Prathmesh

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 January 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

- 1. Please advise the number of STR applications still being processed as of 24 January 2024?
- 2. What is the number of immigration officers allocated to STR applications?
- 3. How many applications are waiting for third-party check outcomes in str?
- 4. the oldest application waiting for third-party check in str?

I am writing to advise you that MBIE has decided to extend the period of time available to notify you of a decision on your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

As such, a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. MBIE will notify you of a decision on your request no later than 8 March 2024.

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.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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