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Tēnā koe Ethan

Thank you for your email of 10 May 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

... to request specific information concerning the parent category of immigration applications. The below queries apply only to applications that have been submitted to INZ following an ITA being issued.

- 1. Could you please confirm the yearly period (dd/mm - dd/mm) to which the yearly cap on approvals to immigration applications for the parent category applies?*
- 2. Please provide the total number of parent visa applications approved from the ballot for the current year as of 10/05/2024, relative to the cap. I require only the yearly total, not a monthly breakdown.*
- 3. Please provide the total number of parent visa applications approved from the queue for each yearly cap period as of 10/05/2024, relative to the cap. I require only the yearly total, not a monthly breakdown.*
- 4. Should the cap be reached in any given year, what procedures are followed for applications that are fully assessed but cannot be approved due to the cap?*
- 5. Are such applications then placed in a queue awaiting the rollover date into the next yearly period? i.e. do these automatically get released on the first day of the new year?*

On 10 May 2024, MBIE extended the time available to respond to your request as consultations were necessary to make a decision on your request.

Our Response

Question one: *Could you please confirm the yearly period (dd/mm - dd/mm) to which the yearly cap on approvals to immigration applications for the parent category applies?*

The period for the annual limit on the number of parent resident visas granted is from 1 July to 30 June of the following year. For instance, 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.



Question two: Please provide the total number of parent visa applications approved from the ballot for the current year as of 10/05/2024, relative to the cap. I require only the yearly total, not a monthly breakdown.

Please refer to the table below for the number of parent resident visa applications and applicants approved in principle from the ballot since 1 July 2023, at 10 June 2024.

EOI type	Applications approved	Applicants approved
Ballot	199	287

Question three: Please provide the total number of parent visa applications approved from the queue for each yearly cap period as of 10/05/2024, relative to the cap. I require only the yearly total, not a monthly breakdown.

Please refer to the table below for the number of parent resident visa applications and applicants approved in principle from the queue since 1 July 2023, at 10 June 2024.

EOI type	Applications approved	Applicants approved
Queue	1,483	2,206

Question four: Should the cap be reached in any given year, what procedures are followed for applications that are fully assessed but cannot be approved due to the cap?

If the limit is reached, applications will be held until the new financial year.

Question five: Are such applications then placed in a queue awaiting the rollover date into the next yearly period? i.e. do these automatically get released on the first day of the new year?

Applications in this situation will be finalised early in the new financial year.

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.

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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