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Tēnā koe John,

Thank you for your email of 13 May 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Q1. Number of Straight to Residence Visa green list in queue waiting to assign for case officer by submission month as of 1 May 2024.

Q2. I noted your website said "Processing time 80% within 4 months"

What is your oldest Straight to Residence Visa green list still in processing within the system. What is the lodgment date for this oldest one.

Q3. How many Straight to Residence Visa green list you currently have on hand as of 1 May 2024.

Q4. How many Straight to Residence Visa green list you currently have on hand (not yet allocate to a case officer) as of 1 May 2024.

Q5. How many case officer you have dedicate to process the Straight to Residence Visa green list applications.

Our Response

Please note that due to technical issues, we are unable to provide data as at 1 May 2024, which you requested for questions 1, 3 and 4. Instead, we are providing data as at 2 May 2024 for those questions.

Q1 and Q4. Please note that we have combined questions 1 and 4 as the information requested is same. See the table below for the number of Straight to Residence visa applications submitted on or before 2 May 2024 that were in the queue to be assigned to a case officer on 2 May 2024, broken down by submission month.

Submission Month	Number of applications in the queue
April 2024	71
May 2024	17
Total	88

Q2. As at 4 June, the oldest Straight to Residence visa application currently in progress was accepted on 16 September 2022.

Q3. As at 2 May 2024, there were 937 total Straight to Residence visa applications on hand.

Q5. As at 4 June 2024, Immigration New Zealand has 21 immigration officers processing Straight to Residence visa applications.

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 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeannie Melville". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Jeannie Melville
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