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Tēnā koe Josh

OIA request 23/24 0999 Request for Citizenship applications submitted within the timeframe

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 21 May 2024.

You requested -

Can you please provide a table that has the following details for the citizenship applications submitted from 30th June 2023 to 3rd July 2023?

- Date Received at DIA
- Date Processing
- Workstream
- Started Date of Decision
- Outcome/Status

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

Please refer to Appendix A, attached to this letter.

An explanation of the workstreams assigned to different applications can be found on our government website: www.govt.nz/browse/passports-citizenship-and-identity/nz-citizenship/how-to-apply-for-nz-citizenship/citizenship-timeframe-differences/.

You may be interested to know that there is a lot of publicly available information online about citizenship and the timeframes for processing citizenship applications. The Department, for example, regularly proactively publishes Official Information Act responses on its website, including information about citizenship timeframes. Responses have been proactively released here: https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2 and you can use the search the responses by using 'ctrl' + 'f' and typing 'citizenship' in the search field.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2.

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.

Ngā mihi

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