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Tēnā koe Martin

OIA request 24/25 0014 Request for information on the citizenship by grant workstreams

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 2 July 2024.

You requested –

• In your response to OIA request 23/24 1025, dated 25 June 2024, you provide statistics related to the processing status and FTE allocated to workstreams 1-6.

Can you please define each workstream?

In response to your request, I can advise that the information you are seeking in regards to OIA 23/24 1025 is available on the Department's website via a proactively release OIA response 23/24 1073. The response can be viewed here, <u>www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/OIA-Releases-2024/\$file/Response-letter-OIA-2324-1073-Citizenship-stats-work-streams-PR-for-release1.pdf</u>.

Therefore, I must refuse your request pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act; the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Please note, that the Department has updated our system and now has five workstreams. These are defined on the Department's website, <u>www.govt.nz/browse/passports-citizenship-and-identity/nz-citizenship/how-to-apply-for-nz-citizenship/citizenship-timeframe-differences/</u>.

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 its website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <u>https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2</u>.

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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