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Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your email of 2 September 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

*The applicant can meet the requirements for applying for a Permanent Resident Visa (PRV) through five methods, namely: Significant period of time spent in New Zealand, Tax residence status in New Zealand, Investment in New Zealand, Establishment of a business in New Zealand, and Base established in New Zealand.*

*Please provide the number of PRVs approved for each method annually from 2014 to 2024, as well as the number of PRVs approved for each method annually for applicants from China.*

## Our Response

Please find below the number of approved Permanent Resident Visa (PRV) applications from Chinese nationals and approved Permanent Resident Visa applications collectively within the requested date range.

### Table A:

The number of approved Permanent Resident Visa applications from Chinese nationals, broken down by decision year from 1 January 2014 to 23 September 2024, as at 23 September 2024.

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
3,418	3,306	2,998	3,569	4,781	5,003	3,695	3,150	3,567	3,730	4,590	41,807

### Table B:

The number of approved Permanent Resident Visa applications, broken down by decision year from 1 January 2014 to 23 September 2024, as at 23 September 2024.

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
23,941	21,893	22,269	23,945	26,009	25,882	19,416	13,367	22,102	22,786	56,032	277,642

Please note that your request to break down the data into the five methods an applicant may qualify for a PRV is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. The information you have requested is not held in a reportable format and to obtain the information would require staff to manually review each application in scope. Ministry staff would be removed from their core duties and therefore the greater public interest would not be served.

In accordance with section 18A of the Act, we have considered whether fixing a charge under section 15 or extending the time limit under section 15A would enable the request to be granted but it is my view it would not. In accordance with section 18B of the Act, I have considered whether consulting with you would remove the reason for refusal, however, in my view it would not as to obtain the requested information would inevitably involve the manual search of records.

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](http://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](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz)

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcelle Foley', with a stylized, cursive script.

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