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Tēnā koe David

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 February 2026 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

I am writing to request statistical information relating to the Culturally Arranged Marriage Visitor Visa.

Specifically, I am seeking totals for each year over the past 5 years (2020-2025, including data available so far for 2026). If the data is recorded in alternative time periods, I would be happy to receive it in that format instead.

For each period, could the information please be broken down by nationality and include the following:

The total number of Culturally Arranged Marriage Visitor Visa applications submitted

The total number of applications granted under this visa category

The total number of applications granted under an alternative visa category

The total number of applications declined

MBIE has assessed and decided to grant your request, and will provide you the requested information. However, it will take us some time to process. We will send you the information as soon as it is ready and without undue delay.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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