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Tēnā koe Dave,

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2026 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Please find below my official information request:

** Number of work and resident visas within the AEWV system (AEWV Work Visa, Skilled Migrant Visa, Straight to Residence, Work to Residence) that have been:*

- 1. Issued from Jan 1, 2025-Dec 31,2025 for ANZCO occupations beginning with code "27"*
- 2. Kindly provide the break down per ANZSCO code*

Addiction Practitioner ANZSCO 272112

Alcohol & Drug Clinician ANZSCO 272112

Careers Counsellor ANZSCO 272111

Clinical Psychologist ANZSCO 272311

Counsellors ANZSCO 272199

Drug and Alcohol Counsellor 272112

Family and Marriage Counsellor 272113

Educational Psychologist 272312

Psychologists nec 272399

Psychotherapist 2723214

Rehabilitation Counsellor 272114

Social Worker 272511

Student Counsellor 272115

On 13 March 2026, we notified you that MBIE had decided to extend the period of time available to notify you of a decision on your request under section 15A(1)(a) of the Act, as consultations were necessary and the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations. As such, a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. MBIE will notify of a decision on the request no later than 10 April 2026.

Our Response

Our responses to the above questions are set out in the attached appendix.

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.

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

Nāku noa, nā

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Peter Elms
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Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

Appendix one

Question 1. Issued from Jan 1, 2025-Dec 31,2025 for ANZCO occupations beginning with code "27".

The total number of AEWV related work and residence visas issued between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 for ANZSCO occupation codes beginning with "27", as at 16 March 2026.

Visa category	Total applications approved
Accredited Employer	65
SMC Skilled Residence	21
Straight to Residence	80
Total	166

Question 2. Kindly provide the break down per ANZSCO code

The total number of AEWV related work and residence visas issued between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 for ANZSCO occupation codes beginning with "27", broken down by ANZCO code, occupation and number of applications approved, as at 16 March 2026.

ANZCO Code	Occupation	Accredited Employer	SMC Skilled Residence	Straight to Residence	Total
271111	Barrister	1	0	0	1
271214	Intellectual Property Lawyer	2	0	0	2
271299	Judicial and Other Legal Professionals nec	3	2	0	5
271311	Solicitor	5	7	0	12
272111	Careers Counsellor	0	0	1	1
272112	Drug and Alcohol Counsellor	3	1	3	7
272113	Family and Marriage Counsellor	0	0	1	1
272114	Rehabilitation Counsellor	2	1	1	4
272115	Student Counsellor	1	2	0	3
272199	Counsellors nec*	8	0	16	24
272211	Minister of Religion	1	3	0	4

272311	Clinical Psychologist	7	1	22	30
272312	Educational Psychologist	0	0	2	2
272314	Psychotherapist	1	0	1	2
272399	Psychologists nec	4	0	3	7
272411	Historian	0	1	0	1
272413	Translator	1	0	0	1
272414	Archaeologist	1	0	0	1
272499	Social Professionals nec	2	1	0	3
272511	Social Worker	20	2	30	52
272611	Community Arts Worker	1	0	0	1
272612	Recreation Officer (Aus) / Recreation Coordinator (NZ)	2	0	0	2
Total		65	21	80	166

Please note:

*nec refers to "Not elsewhere classified". It is used where information does not fit within the other listed categories.

None of the ANZSCO occupations with codes beginning with "27" fall under the Work to Residence visa category.

Data has been provided for all ANZSCO occupation codes beginning with "27", including the specific occupation codes referenced in your request.