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Tēnā koe James

Thank you for your email of 6 May 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 the total number of visa numbers issued for Indian nationals under the work category or purpose as a chef for the last 10 years.

From Jan 2016 to May 2026 and then the 10 years prior from 2006 - dec 2015.

This includes any schemes or pathways such as AWV streams and any other such previous streams eg. skills shortages etc and any not mentioned here.

Please include a breakdown of month/year issued, age, sex, and nationality.

Can you then also include the total number of all visas issued for both those periods mentioned above for the purposes of a chef from all nationalities.

On 8 May 2026, we contacted you to clarify if you were wanting data for:

- temporary entry visas
- residence visas
- or both temporary entry and residence visas.

As we have not received a response, we have provided data for all temporary work visas.

Our Response

Please find attached an appendix with the requested data.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine L'Estrange'.

Catherine L'Estrange
Director Visa (acting)
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Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment