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Ref: DOIA-REQ-0035742

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Tēnā koe G Smith

Thank you for your email of 2 July 2026 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please note for clarity I have responded to each question in turn.

Please provide, for the years 2022-2026, the following:

1) Number of migrant exploitation complaints

Labour Inspectorate: Migrant Exploitation Complaints Received	
Year	Count
2026 to June 30	1,043
2025	2,208
2024	3,521
2023	2,562
2022	749

2) Number of migrant exploitation investigations opened

Labour Inspectorate: Migrant Exploitation Completed and Ceased* Investigations	
Year	Count
2026 to June 30	82
2025	180
2024	308
2023	181
2022	208

Please note that investigations can be ceased due to a complainant withdrawing, or an organisation closing.

3) Number of migrant exploitation prosecutions

Labour Inspectorate: Migrant Exploitation Enforcements by Issued Date					
Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 to June 30
Application to Higher Courts		2			
Application to the Authority	9	9	32	28	15
Application to the Employment Court		2	5	8	
Enforceable Undertaking	23	24	50	19	
Improvement Notice	15	22	29	23	3
Infringement Notice	4	7	17	11	4
Letter Of Expectation				1	5
Self-resolution	11	39	48	23	6
Total	62	105	181	113	33

4) The nationality of the victim/s and the nationality of the offender/s for each of the above

5) any reports or analysis available to INZ in regards to migrants exploiting other migrants of the same ethnic and/cultural background

MBIE does not collect the above information, and therefore refuse this portion of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, that the information requested is not held by the department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either—

- (i) held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

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

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Nāku noa, nā



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