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Mr Alexander Goodwin
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Ref: DOIA 1617-0264

Dear Mr Goodwin

I refer to the request you have made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), received via the FYI website on 24 August 2016, for the following information:

I am interested in the number of temporary entry visas granted by Immigration New Zealand as exceptions to immigration instructions since the start of 2015.

I would like the following data:

- 1. The total number of temporary entry visas granted by Immigration New Zealand as an exception to immigration instructions since the start of 2015.*
- 2. The percentage of all temporary entry immigration decisions that were classed as exceptions to immigration instructions since the start of 2015.*

Our Response

Our records show that from 1 January 2015 to 31 August 2016, Immigration New Zealand (INZ) has approved 45,587 applications as an exception to instructions which makes up four per cent of the total number of approved applications.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Karen Sionzon, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Karen.Sionzon@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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