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Ref: OIA 1718 – 0782

Dear Mr Singh,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act received 6 December 2017 in which you have requested the following information:

*"I am writing to request the statistical information of Section 61 requests decision made by Immigration New Zealand since January 2017, under the official information act."*

**Our response:**

The below table is section 61 request statistical information held by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2017.

Please note that the number of 'requests' includes the number of times a person has sought a visa under section 61, as well as the number of times consideration has been given to granting a visa under section 61 without an approach being made by the person concerned.

Section 61 requests 1 January 2017 - 30 September 2017					
Request type	Approved	Withdrawn no fee refund	Refuse to Grant	Refused to consider	Total
Resident	173	0	16	3	192
Temporary	3,878	111	2,265	1,031	7,285
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,051</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>7,477</b>

*\* all Declined have decision of Withdrawn no fee refund*

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Ayla Simpson, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at [ayla.simpson@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:ayla.simpson@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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