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Ref: DOIA 1819-0322

Dear G Sharma,

Thank you for your email of 30 August 2018 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*I need some statistics regarding Parents Category resident visa for my personal use and the information I am looking for is:*

*1: Total number of (Sponsored) Parents Residence applications approved and declined in 5 years (2008-12) before the introduction of tier 1 and tier 2 category in July 2012. I will need this information further sub divided based on the countries where application was lodged from.*

*2: Total number of (Sponsored) Parents Residence applications approved and declined from July 2012 to date under the new 2-tier system. I will need this information further sub divided based on the countries where application was lodged from.*

*3: If its possible to provide the reason for denial then I will seek this information as well please.*

#### **Our Response**

The information requested under point one and two are contained in the attached table. Please note the information contained in the table covers a number of different types of sponsored parent residence categories. As such the requirements to meet the visa category will differ depending on what category the application was made under.

In terms of the reasons for an application to be declined, whenever an application has been decided by the Immigration Officer the outcome is chosen from a drop down menu in our Application Management System. The Immigration Officer can only select one of the options available in the drop down menu. However it is possible that an applicant may have failed to meet more than one of the visa requirements.



The 'declined' reasons recorded in the requested data include;

- Failed Instructions
- Application does not reflect Expression of Interest
- Failed to demonstrate ability to settle in NZ
- Not eligible sponsor
- Failed character
- Failed medical
- Failed Other
- Declined lapsed
- Withdrawn no fee refund

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Neil Bailey, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at [NEIL.BAILEY@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:NEIL.BAILEY@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Bishop', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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