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Dear Ms Peacey

I refer to your official information request dated 06 August 2013 requesting the following information:

*The number of visas granted to victims or witnesses of people trafficking in New Zealand and the procedures followed for recognising victims in the circumstances.*

**Our response**

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) instructions recognise a victim of people trafficking when they have certification from the New Zealand Police that they are believed to be a victim of people trafficking. Witnesses of people trafficking are not included in the INZ instructions.

INZ immigration instructions allow for a victim of people trafficking to apply for a work visa, visitor visa or a student visa, valid for 12 months. Child victims of people trafficking may be granted a student visa, valid for 12 months, allowing them to study as a domestic student at a primary or secondary school.

Further, INZ immigration instructions have a residence category for victims of people trafficking. This is to enable victims of people trafficking to remain in New Zealand where they cannot return home because they will be endangered or are at risk of being re-victimised or at suffering significant social stigma and financial hardship as a result of being trafficked.

The objective of the INZ instructions resident category for victims of people trafficking is to recognise New Zealand's international obligations to offer protection and assistance to victims of people trafficking who are likely to be suffering the effects of trauma and abuse and to enable trafficking offenders to be prosecuted.

To date, INZ has not had any applications for Resident, Student, Work or Visitor's visas based on the application criteria of "People Trafficking".

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Safaa Haddad, Business Adviser, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at [safaa.haddad@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:safaa.haddad@mbie.govt.nz) or 04 915 4188.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie Sullivan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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