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Ref: DOIA 101

Dear Francisco Gomez

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2019 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

I have been advised by an Licensed Immigration Advisor that Immigration New Zealand is implementing an internal prioritization criteria for the allocation of Case Officers to Skilled Migrant Category Visa applications.

If such thing is happening, I would like to ask for "Information in regards to the specifics requirements to meet such criteria, the reasons of why this new procedures has been implemented and also I would like to ask for information on what is the plan of action for applications already lodged not matching this newly implemented criteria and how these will fit in the new processing schedule."

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 15 October 2019. The reason for the extension relies on s15A(1)(b) of the OIA – consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit. I will respond to your request sooner if I am able to.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit by the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz, free-phone 0800 802 602 or post to the following address:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
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Yours sincerely

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