



12 November 2019

Ajay Kumar

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Ref: DOIA 1920-0624

Dear Ajay Kumar,

I refer to your official information request, which was initially received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (the Ministry) on 15 October 2019. You requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- 1. Is the data given in table is for partner of a new Zealander(Citizens and residents). Like you said there are 661 files are on hand in Mumbai branch.*
- 2. Are these 661 files is the total number of partnership* files that has been in the Mumbai branch and waiting to be allocated for a case officer?*
- 3. How many partnership* files are remaining in Mumbai branch which have been waiting for a case officer that will be allocated and how many files are in process or allocated a case officer at present on 14th October 2019 in Mumbai branch?*

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 29 November 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
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Yours sincerely



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