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Ref: DOIA 1920-0585

Dear Daniel

Thank you for your email of 8 October 2019 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

*Between 1st July 2019 to 2nd October The total number of Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) residence applications.*

This request was clarified to read as follows:

- 1) I want to know the number of SMC applications received and accepted for process between 1 July 2019 and 2 October.*
- 2) Also I want to know the number of applications decided within this date range.*

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 20 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](http://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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