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Dear Nik

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

*Total number of skilled migrant category applications received in November 2018 to September 2019 monthwise and how many out of each month received applications allocated to a case officer ( monthwise) To explain better.*

*1.How many smc applications received in November 2018 and Out of November received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*2. How many smc applications received in Dec 2018 and Out of December received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*3.How many smc applications received in January 2019 and Out of January 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*4.How many smc applications received in February 2019 and Out of February 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*5.How many smc applications received in March 2019 and Out of March 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*6.How many smc applications received in April 2019 and Out of April 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*7.How many smc applications received in May 2019 and Out of May 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*8 How many smc applications received in June 2019 and Out of June 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*9.How many smc applications received in June 2019 and Out of June 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*10.How many smc applications received in July 2019 and Out of July 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*11.How many smc applications received in August 2019 and Out of August 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

*12.How many smc applications received in September 2019 and Out of September 2019 received smc applications how many have been allocated to a case officer.*

## Our response

The table below shows the number of Skilled Migrant Category applications received from November 2018 to September 2019.

The number of applications allocated for each month within this time period is being refused under section 18(f) of the OIA – that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. To provide you with this information would require staff to manually review each file recorded in the table below. Providing this information would remove Ministry staff from their core duties and therefore the greater public interest in the effective and efficient administration of the public service would not be served. I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in both cases, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

Application Substream	Month Accepted										
	2018-11	2018-12	2019-01	2019-02	2019-03	2019-04	2019-05	2019-06	2019-07	2019-08	2019-09
Skilled Migrant	975	761	754	953	1,001	968	1,025	1,018	1,563	1,221	1,130

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Yours sincerely



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