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Dear Ashwani,

Thank you for your email on 09 October 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*I would like to know about the processing of partnership based files in hamilton from indian market. As per the media information, All partnership files from september onwards will be processed at hamilton, but there is no official confirmation for same. Can you please confirm it and also how many files from indian markets are at hamilton..*

**Our response**

On 16 October 2019 we responded to your request to seek information that would establish your entitlement to make requests for official information. We are yet to receive your response. We do not consider you are legally entitled to make this request and accordingly we are not obligated to respond. If you are unhappy with this response you may contact the Ombudsman. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

However, I can advise generally that (as has been reported by New Zealand media) the Hamilton office is now the partnership visa hub, with the majority of both temporary and resident partnership visa applications now being processed through that office.

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

Yours sincerely

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