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Ref: DOIA 1920-0632

Dear Mr Mr Bamal

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) received on 15 October 2019 requesting the following information:

1. *How many Case Officers are currently working in Manukau (or elsewhere) on SMC Applications*
2. *How many applications Case Officers are working on (already assigned).*
3. *What's the plan of action from INZ to clear the backlog of 7106 applications which are yet to assigned to Case Officer for Assessment.*

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.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit by the Ombudsman. Information is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

Yours sincerely



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