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Tammy

By email: fyi-request-11592-195bb48e@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: DOIA 1920-0732

Dear Tammy

Thank you for your email of 04 November 2019 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

*May I please request information on following for the month of April 2019*

- 1. How many SMC applications were lodged in April 2019?*
- 2. Out of the total number of April 2019 Lodgements how many have been allocated case officers?*
- 3. How many applications were allocated case officers using Internal criteria (occupation registration, high remuneration, Government being employer)?*
- 4. How many normal applications (having no eligibility for INZ's internal criteria) were allocated case officers?*

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 16 December 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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