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Ref: DOIA 1920-0915

Dear John,

I refer to your official information request, which was received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (the Ministry) on 05 December 2019. You requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

*I would like to request the total number of New Zealand Citizen Endorsement issued to New Zealand Citizens who hold Chinese passports annually, from 2009 to 2019.*

*In addition to my previous question, I would also like to know how many Chinese passport holders entry New Zealand with Citizenship Endorsement annually from 2009 to 2019.*

#### Our response

The number of New Zealand Citizen Endorsements issued into Chinese passports annually, from 2009 to 2019, is provided in the table below. Please note that citizen endorsements were introduced with the Immigration Act 2009, which came into force in 2010, so no endorsements were issued in 2009.

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2	55	56	62	64	53	126	231	222	346

*Note: some individuals may have had multiple endorsements issued within the time period, and may therefore be represented more than once in the above table*

When a New Zealand citizen enters New Zealand, it is not recorded whether the person enters using a New Zealand passport or a citizen endorsement. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry, and it is not held by, or connected more closely with the functions of, another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response/decision to refuse certain information by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON 6143

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Fraser Stretton at [fraser.stretton@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:fraser.stretton@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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