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Ref: DOIA 1920-0995, 1920 -0996

Dear A KS

Thank you for your email of 18 December 2019, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

1. My query is regarding the parent residency EOI's which have been in the submitted stage (which are in the queue since 2015 and till now and not selected for application yet).

I am aware that since Oct 2019 , INZ has stopped accepting new EOI's and will start accepting from Feb 2020 and as per the Oct 2019 decisions , the tier 1 and tier 2 EOI's will be merged into a single EOI queue.

Therefore could you please provide me the following data

Data 1:-

Number of EOI's submitted by month,year (preferably in excel format)
Here's the example of the structure of the desired data

Number of EOI' s submitted , Month, Year

120	*JUNE , 2016*
130	*JULY , 2016*
....	
150	*Aug , 2018*
....	
150	*Aug , 2019*

Number of EOI' s submitted can *be split by Tier 1/Tier 2 (or total of Tier 1 and Tier 2) either way is fine.*

2. Number of EOI's submitted by month, year and how many meet new sponsor income criteria (declared in Oct 2019) (preferably in excel format)

Here's the example of the structure of the desired data

Number of EOI' s submitted , Month, Year , How many EOI's meet new sponsor income criteria

120	JUNE , 2016	,20
130	JULY , 2016	,30
....		
150	Aug , 2018	,60
....		
150	Aug , 2019	,80

Number of EOI's submitted can be split by Tier 1/Tier 2 (or total of Tier 1 and Tier 2) either way is fine.

I am aware that people may still be updating their EOI's , so I am fine if data is as at current state or few months old .

An email was sent to you on 21 February 2020 seeking clarification on your request (if you are requesting information for EOIs that are still in the queue since 2015, or are you requesting the number of EOIs that were submitted to Immigration New Zealand since 2015 by month and year). You have responded and stated:

'I need the following data

Data1 :- Number of EOI's submitted by month,year (preferably in excel format)
Data2 :- Number of EOI' s submitted , Month, Year , How many EOI's meet new sponsor income criteria

For both of these datasets (Data 1,2) I want you to only consider those EOI's which were submitted since 2015 and are still in the queue (not yet selected for application stage).

To explain eg if there were 20 EOI;s submitted in Jan 2015 and all of them were selected (which means they are no longer in queue), then in the datasets you should put 0 for Number of EOI's column for Jan 2015.

Similarly eg. for Feb 2015 if there were 30 submitted and 20 were selected for application and 10 still in the queue . Then my datasets should show the count as 20 for Feb 2015.

I don't know , in queue, which month does the oldest EOI belongs to . So I asked the data from 2015.

In my requests I didn't say TOTAL number of EOIs that were submitted to INZ , I just say Number of EOI's submitted.I didn't mean that I want ALL EOI's to be considered . I just need the EOI's which fulfill criteria (mentioned in the above paragraph). '

Our response

Question 1

As you have made a request for information in relation to Expression of Interests (EOIs) submitted under the residence parent category, we have anticipated that you require data relating to EOIs that remain in the EOI pool, not a queue as referred to above.

Appendix 1 provides the number of EOIs submitted under the residence parent category for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 January 2020; the data is broken down by month. Data includes the number of EOIs that were accepted and remain in the pool for that month.

Please note as of November 2015 EOIs were not drawn from the pool for assessment, EOIs will be drawn from the pool for assessment in May 2020.

Question 2

I am unable to provide the number of EOIs submitted since 2015 that would meet the new sponsor income criteria.

To provide you with the information requested we would need to manually check each EOI, in the table at Appendix 1, to determine if the sponsor(s)' income would meet the new criteria.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the OIA as it would require substantial collation. The information requested is held on a large number of individual files. To provide you with copies of the information would require staff to manually review each file. 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.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Dongrui Pang, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Dongrui.Pang@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1

Residence Parent Category: EOIs submitted and in the pool 1 January 2015 to 31 January 2020					
		Family Tier 1		Family Tier 2	
Year	Month	Submitted	In Pool	Submitted	In Pool
2015	January	325	0	9	6
	February	354	0	16	9
	March	287	0	13	6
	April	341	0	9	2
	May	465	0	14	4
	June	323	0	8	5
	July	361	0	13	13
	August	399	0	22	17
	September	309	0	7	5
	October	295	0	14	7
	November	381	270	14	11
	December	205	164	3	1
2016	January	358	273	14	8
	February	448	340	7	5
	March	331	247	16	10
	April	348	256	5	4
	May	409	307	9	2
	June	528	397	12	10
	July	408	303	14	11
	August	443	339	12	7
	September	374	287	6	3
	October	353	268	12	9
	November	124	87	4	3
	December	34	27	0	0
2017	January	23	19	1	1
	February	9	8	1	1
	March	34	30	4	3
	April	17	14	1	1
	May	12	11	1	0
	June	14	10	0	0
	July	35	26	3	3
	August	15	10	1	1
	September	11	10	2	1
	October	8	7	Q	0
	November	17	14	2	2
	December	7	7	3	3
2018	February	1	1	0	0
	March	5	3	0	0
	April	6	5	0	0
	May	77	67	3	2
	June	114	91	8	6

	July	68	49	6	2
	August	1	1	0	0
	October	24	20	1	1
	November	27	22	4	4
	December	162	136	0	0
2019	January	58	47	2	2
	February	33	21	2	2
	March	42	27	2	2
	April	12	11	0	0
	May	30	23	3	2
	June	32	24	1	0
	July	19	12	1	1
	August	34	27	1	1
	September	21	16	0	0
	October	15	14	0	0
	November	1	1	0	0
2020	January	3	3	0	0