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Ref: DOIA 1920-1035

Dear Vidarbh Sakshee,

Thank you for your email of 02 January 2020 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

I would like to request under the Official Information Act some statistics relating to asylum seekers. I would like to request:

** the number of asylum seekers that New Zealand has received in 2018-19 to 2019-20.*

I would like these statistics to be broken down by:

- a) The country of nationality or habitual residence of the asylum seeker who applied for Work Visa while their Claims are determined*
- b) Number of Asylum seekers applied for work visa while there claims are determined.*
- c) Number of Asylum seekers Granted/Declined work visa while there claims are determined.*
- d) Average Days(Time Frame) took on Granting or Declining from the date of Applying Work Visa for Asylum Seekers*

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 09 March 2020. 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, free-phone 0800 802 602 or post to the following address:

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

Yours sincerely

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