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Ref: DOIA 1920-1065

Dear Junlong Wang,

Thank you for your email of 09 January 2020 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

I am writing to mainly request for the information below:

1. Could you please provide the current version of the internally set prioritisation criteria for Skilled Migrant Category application? And if there is any link we can follow for the update of this criteria?

2. In this FYI resource (<https://fyi.org.nz/request/11454/response/43381/attach/html/2/05122019084828%200001.pdf.html>), I saw the point 3 in the response of Question 1-2, it's mentioned that Offer from Accredited Employer is listed as a priority to be processed.

I wonder who and how I should inform when my employer becomes the Accredited Employer so my application could be prioritised? And after that, how long will it take before my application is allocated to a Case Officer?

3. May I request the oldest SMC application in the backlog as at the time this request is being reviewed?

4. Is there any government meeting notes mentioning that the current internal prioritisation criteria will be taken away, or any changes will be applied to these criteria?

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 10 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.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

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

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jock Gilray', written over the typed name.

Jock Gilray
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