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Ref: DOIA 1920-1265

Dear K Tang,

I refer to your official information request, which was initially received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (the Ministry) on 18 February 2020. You requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- 1. What is the length of time from the application lodgement date to the allocation to an immigration officer for 90% of applications under Talent (Accredited Employer) Resident Visa category, based on the data from the last 3 months?*
- 2. What is the length of time from the allocation to an immigration officer to the decision of the application for 90% of applications under Talent (Accredited Employer) Resident Visa category, based on the data from the last 3 months?*

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 14 April 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. We will respond to your request sooner if we are 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  
PO Box 10-152  
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Yours sincerely

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