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Dear John Luke,

Thank you for your email on 25 February 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

Since its closure, how many people are still in the pool before 24 Feb 2020? How many are Tier one and how many are Tier two. The new selection will begin in May 2020, may I ask how many INZ will select during May e.g. 500 or 1000. How many updated EOI you have received from the people within the pool (under the old policy) and how many request to withdraw you have received from the people within the pool (under the old policy). How many new EOI you have received so far under the new policy (24 Feb 2020).

Our response

Since its closure, how many people are still in the pool before 24 Feb 2020? How many are Tier one and how many are Tier two?

Please find below the total number of people that are still in the EOI pool before 24 February 2020 under Parent Resident Visa Category broken down by tier one and tier two:

Application Type	Application Criteria	Decision	Application Count
Expression of Interest	Family Parent Tier 1	In Pool	4,072
Expression of Interest	Family Parent Tier 2	In Pool	365

The new selection will begin in May 2020, may I ask how many INZ will select during May e.g. 500 or 1000.

Immigration New Zealand cannot provide you with the number of EOIs which will be selected from the pool in May. The quota under the Parent Resident Visa Category is 1000 persons per annum. Immigration New Zealand will continue to select EOIs from the pool and process Parent Resident Visa until the quota of 1000 is reached.

How many updated EOI you have received from the people within the pool (under the old policy) and how many request to withdraw you have received from the people within the pool (under the old policy).



The part of your request which relates to the number of people who updated their EOIs is being refused under section 18(f) because the information requested cannot be made without substantial collation or research.

We have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 18A of the OIA. However, the information you have requested is not held in a reportable format across the Ministry. To provide you with the requested information would require staff to manually review 4437 EOI applications and manually record the number of applications that have been updated. 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. We have also considered consulting with you, as required by section 18B of the OIA. However, we have concluded that the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

However, we can advise that between 08 October 2019 and 15 March 2020 there were 1,528 EOI applications under the Parent Resident Visa Category which resulted in a 'withdrawn' decision.

How many new EOI you have received so far under the new policy (24 Feb 2020).

The total number of new EOIs under the Parent Resident Visa Category received under new policy since 24 February 2020 is 294.

You have the right to contest the decision to withhold information by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman. 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 Margaret Huang, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Margaret.huang@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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