



17 June 2020

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Ref: DOIA 1920 – 1653

Dear Aaron Rees,

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

I would like to know the answers to the following questions regarding 'Partner of a New Zealander work visa' applications being processed at the Hamilton INZ branch:

- How many 'Partner of a New Zealander work visa' applications are currently pending (i.e. yet to be allocated to a case manager)?*
- The last application to be allocated to a case manager was submitted to INZ on what date?*
- How many applications were assigned to case managers in the months of March, April and May 2020?*

Any answers to these questions will be greatly appreciated Visa type: Partner of a New Zealander work visa

We have interpreted Part B of your request to be for the date the oldest unallocated partnership work visa application (where the partner is a NZ citizen/resident) was submitted to Immigration New Zealand (INZ), and held in the INZ Hamilton Office.

Our response

Part A:

As at 8 June 2020, there were a total of 801 unallocated partnership work visa applications (where the partner is a NZ citizen/resident) pending allocation in the INZ Hamilton office.

Part B:

As at 27 May 2020, the oldest unallocated partnership work visa application in the INZ Hamilton office (where the partner is a NZ citizen/resident), was submitted to INZ on 05 December 2019.

Part C:

Please see table below showing the number of partnership work visa applications (where the partner is a NZ citizen/resident) in the INZ Hamilton office that were assigned to a case officer in March, April and May 2020:

Month	Number of applications
March	992
April	329
May	446

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Lautalie Leausa Vaa, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Hogg', written in a cursive style.

Nicola Hogg
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