



Ryan Potts

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Ref: DOIA 1920-1550

Dear Ryan

I refer to your official information request, which was received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment on 01 May 2020. You requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

- *The total number of successful Skilled Migrant Category applicants during the period 2013-19 who were employed in the following occupations:*
- *342411 Cabler (Data and Telecommunications), 342412 Telecommunications Cable Jointer, and 342414 Telecommunications Technician.*
- *Please also disclose the number of these applicants who were employed under the Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB) Programme.*

Due to the current situation in New Zealand relating to Covid-19, resource and capacity has been impacted by INZ working remotely and undertaking essential projects relating to the Covid-19 response.

A data request has been submitted in regards to your request. However, data requests are taking some time to process due to the high volume and Covid-19 response priorities. Consultation will also be required once the data is received.

Therefore the Ministry needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 29 September 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

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact Adam Jones at adam.jones@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jock Gilray', written in a cursive style.

Jock Gilray
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