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Ryan Potts

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Dear Ryan Potts

Thank you for your email on 01 May 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

- 1) *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*
 - 342414 *Telecommunications Technician.*

- 2) *Please also disclose the number of these applicants who were employed under the Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB) Programme.*

Our response

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*
- 342414 *Telecommunications Technician.*

- 1) Response to question one please refer to the below table.

Approved applicants for ANZSCO codes 342411, 342412, and 342414 for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2019.

Occupation Code	Occupation	Count
342411	Cabler (Data and Telecommunications)	103
342412	Telecommunications Cable Jointer	87
342414	Telecommunications Technician	386
Total		576

2) Please also disclose the number of these applicants who were employed under the Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB) Programme.

In order to provide the requested information, Immigration New Zealand (INZ) would need to manually check the records for every Skilled Migrant Category visa application and their employer, or the employer they had a job offer from. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in both cases, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be compromised.

I have also considered whether consulting with you would assist you to make the request in a form that would remove the reason for the refusal, but in my view it would not.

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 Adam Jones, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at adam.jones@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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