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Dear Nirav Shastri,

I refer to your official information request received by my office on 25 May 2020, in which you request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

When NZRP will be announced for 2020-21?

The remaining questions in your request were transferred to Immigration New Zealand at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on 2 June 2020.

The previous planning range expired on 31 December 2019. That planning range was for 50,000 to 60,000 resident visa approvals over the 18 month period. Immigration New Zealand continues to process resident visa applications at the same level as under the previous planning range, although the processing of some residence visa applications was disrupted due to COVID-19.

You will appreciate that the decision as to the numbers and mix of the New Zealand Residence Programme is an important one and should not be rushed. We are considering options and will make announcements in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Iain Lees-Galloway'.

Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Minister of Immigration