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Dear Anatoliy Goryachev,

Thank you for your email of 30 June 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

1) In a recent interview with Indian Weekender (interview held on 28 June 2020) Hon Iain Lees-Galloway stated that both residence streams are moving. I think a lot of applicants would love to know the pace of this movement. Therefore, could you please share the numbers on how many residence applications were allocated to case officers (separately for priority and non-priority queue) for each of the below-mentioned weeks:

1 June - 7 June 2020

8 June - 14 June 2020

15 June - 21 June 2020

22 June - 28 June 2020;

2) I also would love to know the lodgement date for the oldest application from the non-priority queue;

3) Also please share if Immigration New Zealand have any plans on resuming EOI for the SMC/RFW streams in a foreseeable future.

Our response

It is my understanding that you are referring to skilled residence visa applications in your questions 1 and 2. Please note that the skilled residence applications processed in the Manukau office are made up of Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) and Residence from Work (RFW) applications. They are not split into two separate queues based on the application category. Once an application is accepted for processing it is then identified as to whether it meets the prioritisation criteria, or not, and triaged into either the priority or non-priority queue. Therefore the below data contains both SMC and RFW categories.

Question 1



Could you please share the numbers on how many residence applications were allocated to case officers (separately for priority and non-priority queue) for each of the below-mentioned weeks:

1 June - 7 June 2020
8 June - 14 June 2020
15 June - 21 June 2020
22 June - 28 June 2020;

Please refer to the table below.

Week beginning	Priority applications allocated	Non-priority applications allocated	Total allocation
01 June 2020	35	13	48
08 June 2020	40	13	50
15 June 2020	89	10	99
22 June 2020	228	12	240

Question 2

I also would love to know the lodgement date for the oldest application from the non-priority queue;

As of 16 June 2020, the oldest unallocated application in the non-priority queue was received on 17 December 2018.

Question 3

Also please share if Immigration New Zealand have any plans on resuming EOI for the SMC/RFW streams in a foreseeable future

No decisions have been made as of today. Immigration New Zealand (INZ) will continue to reassess and determine when Express of Interest (EOI) selections can take place as the situation develops. You can find updated information on INZ's website:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19/migrant-information>

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Dongrui Pang, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Dongrui.Pang@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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