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File No: DOIA 1920 - 1802

Dear John Luke

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

I have made a previous request, ref DOIA 1920 1313. https://fyi.org.nz/request/12313-eoi-pool-status-for-parent-category-residence-visa#incoming-46830 May I ask you to provide an update number and info for this request, also I would like to know when INZ will consider to reopen the EOI and selection process for this category. Also, please provide me with any meno, emails and notes that discuss this matter.

Our response

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Please find below the total number of people that are still in the EOI pool before 24 February 2020 under the Parent Resident Visa Category as at 8 July 2020 broken down by tier one and tier two:

Application Type	Application Criteria	Decision	Count of EOI Applications
Expression of Interest	Family Parent Tier 1	In Pool	3671
Expression of Interest	Family Parent Tier 2	In Pool	337

Please find below the total number of EOI applications which resulted in a 'withdrawn' decision under the Parent Resident Visa Category, since 08 October 2019:

Decision	Count of EOI Applications	
Withdrawn	1950	

Please find below the total number of new EOIs under the Parent Resident Visa Category received since 24 February 2020 as at 8 July 2020:

Status	Count of EOI Applications		
Received		5341	

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There are currently ongoing discussions relating to the resumption of Parent Resident Visa Category EOI selection.

Please find attached information relating to the resumption of Parent Resident Visa Category EOI selection.

We have withheld information under section 9(2)(a) which relates to the privacy of natural persons and decided that withholding this information is not outweighed by the public interest in making that information available, as per section 9(1).

We have withheld information under section 9(2)(f)(iv) which relates to the constitutional conventions which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of officials and decided that withholding this information is not outweighed by the public interest in making that information available, as per section 9(1).

We have withheld information under section 9(2)(g)(i) which relates to the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion by or to Minister or officials and decided that withholding this information is not outweighed by the public interest in making that information available, as per section 9(1).

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 Margaret Huang, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Margaret.huang@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager - Border and Visa Operations

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Not to mention the noise around perceptions of fairness if only onshore EOI's were pulled first over those EOI's in the queue who are offshore. All EOI's are queued and hold their place in that queue by date order received, regardless of whether the applicant is onshore or offshore.

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Sent: To: Subject:	Friday, 12 June 2020 12:51 PM Victoria Hodgson; Christine Hyndman; Andrew Craig; Joseph Bird RE: Seeking feedback by Wed 17 June please - restarting EOI selections for Parent Category and SMC
Hi Joseph	
Please see comme around this?	nts below. Victoria – can you be point person in the team for any further discussion
Best Siân	
Sent: Friday, 12 June To: Christine Hyndma Craig <andrew.craig(Subject: RE: Seeking)</andrew.craig(an <christine.hyndman@mbie.govt.nz>; Sian Roguski <sian.roguski@mbie.govt.nz>; Andrew @mbie.govt.nz> @mbie.govt.nz> feedback by Wed 17 June please - restarting EOI selections for Parent Category Out of scope</sian.roguski@mbie.govt.nz></christine.hyndman@mbie.govt.nz>
Agree with everythin reasons, then EoI sele the broader picture.	g that Christine has said, and support her proposal that if it makes sense for operational ections for Out of scope Parent should restart – with a clear comms plan explaining how it fits into
Key considerations:	INDE TO A P
If EoIs build to	up, there will be operational headaches down the line. Out of scope
taking at the permission u submitted →	are granted the border restrictions may have changed by the time application decisions are made. The approach we are moment across other categories is to not grant visas to people who would be denied entry notice current settings, in line with the Act. However between Eol → ITA → Application Application decision there is a lot of time, Out of Scope , so by the time the are granted the border restrictions may have changed to allow new residents. Out of Scope Another approach is that which is
	for RFSC and Investor Category – to process offshore applications right up to the point of cision, and then to make a decision once border restrictions have changed to enable entry
that we reall	selections may result in the departure of people we want. There will be people in the EoI pool y want, Out of Scope Continued delays in EoI selections will mean some of these people leave — not necessarily a to the immigration system, but a factor to take into account.
The state of the s	uing ITAs now may be unwelcome if people face challenges gathering information within Out of scope

Sian Roguski

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From: Christine Hyndman

Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 9:00 a.m.

To: Sian Roguski; Andrew Craig; Victoria Hodgson

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Hi Siân

I have thought about this at two levels, one of which is INZ's work and immigration measures and the other of which is government's overall signalling and planning. (Both of them have visa and border settings implications of course.)

Section 9(2)(f)(iv)

Firstly: I don't necessarily have an issue with pulling the EOIs if it makes sense for INZ's workflow planning.

- If there are any backlogs associated with onshore visa applications or border exceptions visa applications they should however be the top priority.
- If there is a mechanism for ensuring that the EOIs pulled, or the ITAs issued, relate in the first instance to
 people who are onshore Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
 that would be actively useful I think.

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Regards

Christine

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Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2020 10:25 PM

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Hi guys

Thoughts on this? There is a bit of interplay here of course with our border restrictions! I feel like we shouldn't be opening up selections until those are clear. INZ have plenty on hand applications I would think if they need to keep busy, Section 9(2)(g)(i)

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From: Jock Gilray

Wednesday, 17 June 2020 3:12 PM Sent:

To: Joseph Bird

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I am happy with the feedback provided by my team Joseph.

From: Joseph Bird < Joseph.Bird@mbie.govt.nz> Sent: Wednesday, 17 June 2020 12:04 PM

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If you'd like to provide feedback and need more time, please let me know.

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 June 2020 1:24 PM

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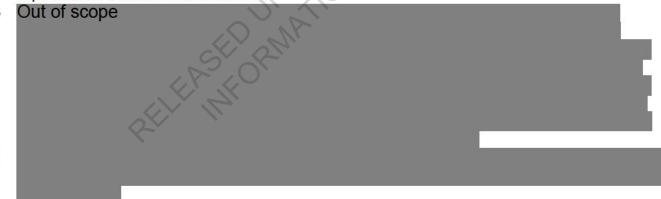
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Hi All

Manukau's feedback:



Given offshore applications are now lowest priority (and with the volume of onshore applications currently
on hand and more still to be received from those couple thousand outstanding ITAs), offshore applications
are not likely to be allocated for the foreseeable future. Consideration needs to be given to whether EOIs for
offshore applicants are drawn and invited to apply given the lengthy timeframes they are likely to
experience for allocation and assessment.



Cheers Nat

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Dean Jervis From:

Sent: Tuesday, 16 June 2020 5:13 PM

To: Joseph Bird

Subject: RE: Seeking feedback by Wed 17 June please - restarting EOI selections for Parent

Category Out of scope

Hi Joseph

Thanks for reaching out. Here's some thimkng:

- The labour market is changing and unemployment is expected to rise potentially peaking September / October with 9-12% predicted by the Reserve Bank (although these predictions are infact best guesses).
- The redundancies are impacting jobs at the lower end of the skills spectrum and are predominantly impacting people on \$25ph or less.



From: Joseph Bird < Joseph.Bird@mbie.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 June 2020 4:04 PM

To: Dean Jervis < Dean.Jervis@mbie.govt.nz> Cc: Isobel Kerr < Isobel.Kerr@mbie.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Seeking feedback by Wed 17 June please - restarting EOI selections for Parent Category Out of scope

Hi Dean

Isobel has advised you have an interest in this issue as well - my apologies for not including you in my initial email

I initially asked for feedback by COB tomorrow, but if you'd like to provide any feedback and need more time to do so, please let me know.

Thank you

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From: Joseph Bird

Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2020 4:54 p.m.

To: Jock Gilray; Sarah Clifford; Stephanie Greathead

Cc: Isobel Kerr; Bolen Ng; Amardeep Bal; Nathanael Mackay; Su Choi; Dominic Forde; Andrew Craig; Sian Roguski

Subject: Seeking feedback by Wed 17 June please - restarting EOI selections for Parent Category Out of scope

Hi everyone

I've been tasked with looking into when INZ should resume selecting EOIs for Out of scope Parent Category, so I'm just touching base with you for your thoughts on this, to get an initial conversation started.

Scope:

Note that I'm focusing on Out of scope Parent Category Out of Scope

Background (timeframe given to MOI for decision on re-starting EOI selections):

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 "further advice will be provided on a future date for restarting these ballot registrations, schemes and EOI
 draws, after New Zealand returns to Alert Level 2 or lower, or within six months".

Your feedback:

Do you have any thoughts around whether EOI selections for Parent Out of scope could/should be resumed?

Any feedback you can provide by COB Wednesday 17 June, would be much appreciated.

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From: Stephanie Greathead

Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 12:48 PM

To: Joseph Bird

Nathanael Mackay; Amreen Dhaliwal Cc:

RE: Seeking feedback by Wed 17 June please - restarting EOI selections for Parent Subject:

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Hi Joseph,

Thanks for your email and the opportunity to provide feedback.

I imagine our stakeholders would be interested in this opening up again as quickly as possible and I can't think of many reasons why we wouldn't other than the resource impacts (and how the draws would be managed - including expectation setting) and the impact it will have on the queue (i.e. a lot more applications on hand) but that's delaying the inevitable.

I am sure Nat will have some comments also.

Out of scope

We are also pulling together a paper for the MOI in regard to the residence decisions we think we can reasonably make this year as a result of a few weeks with no processing due to lockdown and we will include the forecasted on hand which will change dependant on EOI draws of course.

Thanks Steph

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