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By email: fyi-request-13227-0d74f0f5@requests.fyi.org.nz

File No: DOIA 2021-0059

Dear A KS

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

1:- The EOI selection for the parents residency visa was scheduled to start in May 2020 but the selection process was suspended. Please tell by when is it expected to resume?

2: Since March 1 2020 --Any advice, recommendations, briefings, documents, emails, aide memoir, and/or cabinet papers, provided by MBIE or INZ to the Hon. Minister of Immigration and/or the Minister's office in regards to the Parents residency visa . Please provide complete documents not just the list of documents. If complete documents cannot be shared please provide the list of the titles.

3:- Regarding parents residency visa, Is MBIE/INZ currently working on any advice/recommendation or any work which is yet to be submitted to Hon. Minister of Immigration/Ministry?. For Point 3, If the answer is yes and it is possible under law, please provide the basic info (like what the work is about, title etc.) as I can understand it may still be a work in progress and hence, documents cannot be shared by MBIE yet.

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 21 August 2020.

The reason for the extension relies on section 15A(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.

The length of this extension is due to the current situation in New Zealand relating to COVID-19. Resource and capacity has been impacted by essential projects relating to the COVID-19 response. If you would like to withdraw your request or contact us to re-scope your request please email Anna.McLachlan@mbie.govt.nz.

I will respond to your request sooner if I am able.

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

Yours sincerely



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