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Ref: DOIA 2021-0148

Dear Doney

I refer to your official information request, which was received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment on 17 July 2020. You requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

- How many SMC residence applications were lodged in between 01/01/2019 to 18/01/2019 that have not been allocated to an Immigration Officer.
- The number of SMC residence applications received between 01/01/2019 to 18/01/2019 that are waiting allocation broken down by week.
- The daily number of SMC residence applications received between 01/01/2019 to 18/01/2019 that are awaiting allocation.

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 14 September 2020. The reason for the extension relies on S15A (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.

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

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](http://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

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact Adam Jones at [adam.jones@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:adam.jones@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

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