



23 September 2020

Ana Popovska Stojanovska

fyi-request-13493-4862fe07@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: DOIA 2021-0311

Dear Ana Popovska Stojanovska,

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2020 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

"I have two questions regarding parents of NZ residents and citizens. A number of parents are in New Zealand under the conditions of several types of temporary visas. My first question will be to ask you to provide the exact number. The second question is how many of these parents, who are already here, have submitted EOI for Parent Resident visa. Please, if it is not much trouble, provide the number of EOIs and the number of people included in."

On 19 August we sought clarification from you on certain aspects of your request. We advised that for the first part of your request we would not be able to clearly identify which applications are for clients who are defined as 'parents', unless you were to narrow your request down, for example, by a certain visa application type that is tailored for parents or guardians. We also advised that for the second part of your request we can provide you the number of EOIs for Parent Resident Visas that have been submitted as at 10 August 2020, and for you to confirm this is what you are requesting.

You responded on 19 August by clarifying and narrowing your request to the following:

"As for my first question, please provide me with the exact number of parents in New Zealand on Parent and Grandparent Multiple Entry Visitor Visas and Visitor Visas.

As for the second question, it would be nice to know the number of EOI's for Parent Resident Visa submitted as at 10th August, but please, I would very much appreciate if you provide the number of EOI's submitted from New Zealand, rather than the ones submitted from abroad."

Our Response

Part One

As at 02 September 2020, there were a total of 12,035 people in New Zealand on a Parent and Grandparent Multiple Entry Visitor Visa, and as at 14 September 2020, there were a total of 1,074 people in New Zealand on a Visitor Visa Guardian.

Part Two:

As at 10 August 2020, there were a total of 5,049 Parent Category Expressions of Interest (EOI) submitted by clients located in New Zealand.

The first selection from the Parent Category EOI pool, which was scheduled for late May 2020, has been deferred until further notice due to COVID-19. The deferrals are a temporary measure, INZ will continue to reassess when EOI selections can take place as the COVID-19 situation develops.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Lautalie Leausa Vaa, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve McGill', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Steve McGill
Acting General Manager - Border and Visa Operations
Immigration New Zealand