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Dear Robin G

I refer to your email dated 12 December 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

1. The total of Working Holiday Visas granted by Immigration New Zealand per year (2010-2013)
2. The percentage of those visa granted for each eligible countries
3. Your estimations for next year.

Our response

The number of working holiday visas approved per year for the calendar years 2010 to 2013 referenced to each eligible country is attached in Appendix A. Your request for the percentage of those visas granted for each eligible country has been refused in reliance on section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. However, these percentages can be worked out from Appendix A. We estimate the total number of working holiday visas that may be approved in the 2014 calendar year to be approximately 50,000.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Safaa Haddad, Business Advisor on 04 915 4188 or at Safaa.haddad@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix A: Number of Working Holiday Visas Approved in 2010-2013 Calendar Years

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Application Criteria				
Argentina Working Holiday Scheme	993	1,060	1,004	1,006
Austria Working Holiday Scheme	0	0	102	102
Belgium Working Holiday Scheme	258	285	283	352
Brazil Working Holiday Scheme	305	310	306	308
Canada Working Holiday Scheme	1,755	1,552	1,560	1,784
Chile Working Holiday Scheme	997	1,004	1,004	994
China Working Holiday Scheme	839	900	1,656	1,154
Czech Working Holiday Scheme	1,112	1,338	1,204	1,199
Denmark Working Holiday Scheme	201	202	215	288
Estonia Working Holiday Scheme	87	97	122	100
Finland Working Holiday Scheme	207	215	186	255
France Working Holiday Scheme	3,325	3,995	4,303	5,663
Germany Working Holiday Scheme	7,139	8,437	9,077	11,715
Hong Kong Working Holiday Scheme	397	402	404	401
Hungary Working Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	100
Ireland Working Holiday Scheme	2,363	2,830	2,279	2,616
Israel Working Holiday Scheme	0	133	265	199
Italy Working Holiday Scheme	646	751	1,057	1,502
Japan Working Holiday Scheme	1,872	1,698	1,610	1,743
Korea Working Holiday scheme	1,803	1,757	1,808	1,805
Latvia Working Holiday Scheme	56	49	49	38
Malaysia Working Holiday Scheme	1,161	1,159	1,155	1,150
Malta Working Holiday Scheme	7	5	4	8
Mexico Working Holiday Scheme	204	207	214	209
Netherlands Working Holiday Scheme	781	768	922	988
Norway Working Holiday Scheme	81	62	61	68
Peru Working Holiday Scheme	27	77	49	68
Poland Working Holiday Scheme	96	100	100	103

Singapore Working Holiday Scheme	118	104	107	153
Slovakia Working Holiday Scheme	0	0	102	101
Slovenia Working Holiday Scheme	103	99	101	100
Spain Working Holiday Scheme	200	210	202	200
Sweden Working Holiday Scheme	541	632	639	759
Taiwan Working Holiday Scheme	664	615	600	600
Thailand Working Holiday Scheme	101	90	91	82
Turkey Working Holiday Scheme	0	3	7	8
United Kingdom Working Holiday Scheme	9,688	9,778	9,425	10,673
United States Working Holiday Scheme	2,629	2,604	2,656	2,968
Uruguay Working Holiday Scheme	211	224	198	192
Vietnam Working Holiday Scheme	0	0	68	132
WHS Extension	1,356	1,791	1,974	2,382
Total	47,323	45,543	47,169	54,263

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