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Dear Satish

Thank you for your email on 15 October 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

Could you please help me understand the breakup of onshore applications (remaining in the Nonpriority queue that are not yet decided) that were received in Aug 2019 on a daily basis from 1st Aug to 31 Aug?.

example: 1st Aug: 20, 2nd Aug- 30, 3rd Aug -50 and so on till 31st Aug.

Our response

Please find the information contained in **Appendix One**.

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) has Skilled Residence queues containing Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) and Resident from Work (RfW) visa applications that are awaiting allocation to an immigration officer. All applications are separated into the stated priorities as per Immigration Instructions A16.1.

I can advise generally that the New Zealand Residence Program (NZRP) Planning Range sets the upper and lower number for residence visa approvals. The last NZRP ran from 1 July 2018 until 31 December 2019 and included a Planning Range of 50,000 to 60,000 residence approvals.

The Government is currently reviewing its approach to the NZRP and is considering replacing the planning range with a more targeted approach that focuses on management of specific residence visa types. In the meantime, INZ will continue to process applications at same volume and with the same level of resourcing as the previous NZRP allowed for. The INZ website remains the best place for up-to-date information on processing timeframes:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/waiting-for-a-visa/how-long-it-takes-to-process-your-visa-application>

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Chung Man Charmaine Ho, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Charmaine.Ho@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Hogg', written in a cursive style.

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Appendix One

Skilled Residence applications held in onshore non-priority queue accepted in August 2019, as of 27 October 2020

Date accepted by INZ	Number of applications
1-Aug-19	38
2-Aug-19	35
5-Aug-19	29
6-Aug-19	22
7-Aug-19	15
8-Aug-19	35
9-Aug-19	30
10-Aug-19	73
12-Aug-19	32
13-Aug-19	13
14-Aug-19	34
15-Aug-19	29
16-Aug-19	12
19-Aug-19	20
20-Aug-19	25
21-Aug-19	27
22-Aug-19	39
23-Aug-19	33
24-Aug-19	31
26-Aug-19	30
27-Aug-19	31
28-Aug-19	40
29-Aug-19	27
30-Aug-19	23