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Dear A J Nash

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 30 April 2020 requesting the following:

- 1. The total number of New Zealand permanent resident visa holders (PR Visas) who have returned to New Zealand since 1 April 2020.*
- 2. The total number of New Zealand citizens who have returned to New Zealand since 1 April 2020.*
- 3. The total number of New Zealand PR Visas who spent 6 months or more overseas in one continuous period, prior to the date of returning to New Zealand after 1 April 2020 where this information is ascertainable.*
- 4. The total number of New Zealand Citizens who spent 6 months or more overseas in one continuous period, prior to the date of returning to New Zealand after 1 April 2020 where this information is ascertainable.*
- 5. The total number of New Zealand Citizens and PR Visas who left New Zealand after 1 April 2020. The total number of New Zealand Citizens and PR Visas who made a return trip into New Zealand following their departure after 1 April 2020.*

Our response

Question One

The total number of New Zealand residents who have returned to New Zealand since 1 April 2020 is 13,311.

The total number of New Zealand residents who have returned to New Zealand since 01 April 2020 is based on the visas i.e. Resident or Permanent Resident Visas granted on arrival. It includes Australian passport holders who are normally granted a single entry Resident Visa on arrival. This number also includes individuals who have a departure movement after 01 April 2020. Any New Zealand residents who were arriving into New Zealand for the first time are excluded.

Question Two

The total number of New Zealand citizens who have returned to New Zealand since 1 April 2020 is 44,475.

The total number of New Zealand citizens who have returned to New Zealand since 01 April 2020 is based on their New Zealand passports they used to travel or the New Zealand citizen endorsement they were granted into a foreign passport on arrival. This number also includes individuals who have a departure movement after 1 April 2020. Any New Zealand citizens who were arriving into New Zealand for the first time are excluded.

Question Three

The total number of New Zealand residents who spent 6 months or more overseas in one continuous period, prior to the date of returning to New Zealand after 1 April 2020 is 6,599.

Question Four

The total number of New Zealand citizens who spent 6 months or more overseas in one continuous period, prior to the date of returning to New Zealand after 1 April 2020 is 27,073.

Question Five

The total number of New Zealand citizens who left New Zealand after 1 April 2020 is 25,302 and the total number of New Zealand resident visa holders who have left New Zealand after 1 April 2020 is 11,807.

The total number of New Zealand citizens and residents who left New Zealand after 1 April 2020 include those who departed after 1 April 2020 and returned after their departure.

Question Six

The number of New Zealand citizens who made a return trip into New Zealand following their departure after 1 April 2020 is 4,957 and the total number of resident visa holders who made a return trip into New Zealand following their departure after 1 April 2020 is 2010.

The total number of New Zealand citizens and New Zealand residents who made a return trip into New Zealand following their departure after 1 April 2020 includes those who arrived after 1 April 2020, and had subsequent arrival and departure movements (ie. multiple movements).

New Zealand residents are included in this dataset when they were granted entry permission with a resident or permanent resident visa. Any person travelling with expired travel conditions on their resident visa, and were therefore granted a temporary entry visa on arrival, are not included.

I trust you find the information helpful.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Matt Burden, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support at Matt.Burden@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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