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Yoselyn Salcedo

By email: fyi-request-14188-9a63530e@requests.fyi.org.nz

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Dear Yoselyn Salcedo

Thank you for your email of 23 November 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

I am writing to request the statistical information of Section 61 requests decision made by Immigration New Zealand between 2019 and 2020, under the official information act, for research purposes.

Thank you for clarifying your request on 27 November 2020 as follows:

The number of section 61 requests made to Immigration New Zealand between 1 Jan 2019 to present, and the outcome of those requests (e.g. refused to consider, refused or approved).

## Our response

Between 1 January 2019 and 1 December 2020 (inclusive) Immigration New Zealand (INZ) received 10,590 Section 61 requests. The outcome of these requests was as follows:

Decision	Count
Approved	6,732
Refused to consider	1,080
Refuse to grant	2,637
Withdrawn/lapsed	66
On hand (decision not yet made)	75
Total	10,590

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Anna McLachlan, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at <a href="mailto:Anna.McLachlan@mbie.govt.nz">Anna.McLachlan@mbie.govt.nz</a>.

Yours sincerely

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