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Ref: DOIA 2021-1054

Dear Vishal Dhote,

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

*"I am a NZ resident visa holder and looking to request the following information's: -*

- 1. How long is the current visa processing time for Critical Purpose Visitor Visa (CPVV) under the category – Partner of NZ resident Travelling together to New Zealand?*
- 2. How many applications have been lodged under CPVV and approval rates since this category of visa started (Please provide data in monthly format)?*
- 3. Date of oldest application in a queue under CPVV waiting for allocation for case officer?*
- 4. Are there separate queues under CPVV for different categories of applications, like applicant from visa waiver countries gets prioritized over an applicant from non-visa waiver countries?*
- 5. Please provide a copy of instruction manual immigration officer follow to process CPVV applications for Partner of NZ travelling together to New Zealand."*

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 01 February 2021. The reason for the extension relies on s15A(1)(b) of the OIA – consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

I will respond to your request sooner if I am able to. If you would like to withdraw your request or contact us to re-scope your request, please email [Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit by the Ombudsman at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or free-phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

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