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Ref: DOIA 2021-1069

Dear Riddhi Surana,

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2020 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

*"Request you to please share number of files yet to be allocated which were lodged before and including 5th July 2019 under SMC and RFW non priority category. Also how many priority applications are yet to be allocated under the same timeframe?"*

#### **Our Response**

As at 10 December 2020, there were a total of 653 Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) and Residence from Work (RFW) applications unallocated in the non-priority queue, that were accepted for processing on or before 5 July 2019. There were no unallocated SMC and RFW applications in the priority queue.

Any updates in regards to the allocation of applications can be found at the following link: [www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/how-we-prioritise-resident-visa-applications/smc-and-rfw-timeframe-information](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/how-we-prioritise-resident-visa-applications/smc-and-rfw-timeframe-information).

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Lautalie Leausa Vaa, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at [Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

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