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Dear Satish

Thank you for your email of 11 January 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

"Can you please provide me the number of SMC onshore applications remaining in the queue which are submitted before 17th Aug 2019 (Monthly Break up like June, July, Aug) in the queue waiting for allocation to a case officer?"

Our response

Please refer to the following table for the total number of Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) applications that were accepted prior to 17 August 2019, and were in the skilled residence onshore non-priority queue as at 30 January 2021, broken down by month accepted for processing.

Month Accepted	Count of applications
July 2019	41
August 2019	343

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

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 <u>Anna.McLachlan@mbie.govt.nz</u>.

Yours sincerely

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