



10 March 2021

M P Ross

By email: fyi-request-14670-820bd087@requests.fyi.org.nz

File No: DOIA 2021-1508

Dear M P Ross

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

- 1) How many foreign citizens in the last 6 months have been granted a 6 month visitor visa and have now entered New Zealand as of 13/02/2021?*
- 2) How many foreign citizens on a 6 month visitor visa issued before the 8th August 2020 are still in the country as of 13/02/2021?*
- 3) How many foreign citizens on a 6 month visitor visa issued between 08/08/20 and 13/02/21 have now left New Zealand?*

We emailed you on 1 March 2021 to confirm our interpretation of your request as follows:

- 1) How many foreign citizens in the last 6 months have been granted a 6 month Critical Purpose visitor visa or 6 month Critical Purpose Variation of Conditions and have now entered New Zealand as of 13/02/2021?*
- 2) How many foreign citizens on a 6 month Critical Purpose visitor visa or 6 month Critical Purpose Variation of Conditions issued before the 8th August 2020 are still in the country as of 13/02/2021?*
- 3) How many foreign citizens on a 6 month Critical Purpose visitor visa or 6 month Critical Purpose Variation of Conditions issued between 08/08/20 and 13/02/21 have now left New Zealand?*

We have not received a response to our email dated 1 March 2021 so we have proceeded with our interpretation of the request.

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 **2 April 2021**.

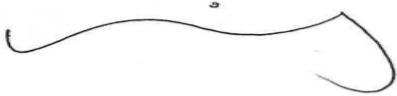
The reason for the extension relies on section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA – consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

We will respond to your request sooner if we are able.

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, free-phone 0800 802 602 or post to the following address:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Wing', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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