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Kwanjira Chanthawas By email: fyi-request-14731-7c98d974@requests.fyi.org.nz

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Dear Kwanjira Chanthawas

Thank you for your email of 23 February 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

Can you please provide me the number of SMC and RFW onshore applications remaining in the queue which are submitted before 30th Aug 2019 (Monthly Break up like June, July, Aug) in the queue waiting for allocation to a case officer?

Our response

As at 6 March 2021 there were 429 skilled residence applications in the onshore non-priority queue that were accepted before 30 August 2019 (excluding 30 August 2019), and were awaiting allocation to an Immigration Officer for assessment.

All 429 of these applications were accepted by Immigration New Zealand in August 2019, so there is no monthly breakdown to provide.

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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