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Ref: DOIA 2021-2261

Dear Scott

I refer to your email of 11 May 2021 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) requesting the following information from Immigration New Zealand:

*I request the following statistics, per year from 2017 to 2019:*

- 1. The number of National Security Check forms processed per year.*
- 2. The average time taken to process a National Security Check form.*
- 3. The number of visa applications referred to NZSIS for the purposes of running a National Security Check.*
- 4. The average time it takes NZSIS to process a National Security Check.*
- 5. The number of national security risk assessments received by INZ from the NZSIS.*
- 6. The average time taken for NZSIS to provide INZ a national security risk assessment*
- 7. I also request one set of documents:  
The Royal Commission into the Christchurch Attacks report notes that "Immigration New Zealand rely on national security instructions to determine if a visa applicant requires a National Security Check before their visa application can be processed." I request a copy of these instructions.*
- 8. I also request the list of countries or territories considered by INZ to be of possible security concern in visa application processing.*

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 30 June 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.

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), free-phone 0800 802 602

Yours sincerely

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