



12 July 2021

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Ref: DOIA 2021-2550

Dear Yash Sharma,

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

- " 1. Please provide me with the date of earliest application sitting in the non-priority queue for SMC/RFW allocation as of the date you answer my request. As of 31st May 2021, Last update on INZ website, earliest application was dated 30th August 2019.*
- 2. Please provide me with the numbers of non-priority and priority applications in the queue for SMC/RFW allocation from the date advised above up to the month of April 2020.*
- 3. Please provide me with weekly allocation numbers of non-priority and priority queue in the 2 months preceding the date you answer my 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 26 July 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. If you would like to withdraw your request or contact us to re-scope your request, please email [Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz)

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) or free-phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

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