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Wenyu Tang

By email: fyi-request-15917-f94a6f4f@requests.fyi.org.nz

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Dear Wenyu Tang

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

- 1. How many skilled resident category visa(smc&rfw) application has been escalated by MBIE to add to priority queue based on the reason of secondary applicant reaching high salary threshold or getting occupation registration (not main applicant only secondary applicant) from Feb 2020 to the time you receive this request, please list a number of data by the reason (occupation registration/high salary) on a monthly basis.*
- 2. Under those escalated applications that speed up to priority queue by the reason of secondary applicant getting occupation registration, could you please list the number of these applications based on occupation name or category from Feb 2020 to the time you receive this 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 16 August 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
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Yours sincerely

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