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Ref: DOIA 2122-0025

Dear Gagan,

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

"I would like to know how many SMC applications are submitted between January 2020 to January 2021."

## **Our Response**

From 01 January 2020 to 01 January 2021 (inclusive) a total of 6,481 residence applications under the Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) were accepted for processing by Immigration New Zealand.

Further information on the processing of SMC and Residence from Work (RFW) applications can be found here: <u>SMC and RFW processing times | Immigration New Zealand</u>

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Lautalie Leausa Vaa, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Lautalie.Leausavaa@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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