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Dear Ziyun,

Thank you for your email of 5 July 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"I am writing to kindly seek the breakdown of approvals of Other Critical Worker ("OCW") Border Exemption Requests to date by occupations and their associated industries."

Our response

Please find below a table which breaks down the total number of border exceptions approved for 'other critical workers' and the industries they are associated with from 19 March 2020 to 14 July 2021. This includes 'other essential worker' requests prior to 18 June 2020.

For the avoidance of doubt, a single request can include multiple workers and/or family members.

Please note that any figures under five have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons.

| Industry | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Manufacturing | 253 |
| Film/Television | 200 |
| Research & Development | 180 |
| Sport/Recreation | 139 |
| Education | 129 |
| Construction | 127 |
| Government | 113 |
| Primary - Agriculture | 102 |
| Energy | 95 |
| Primary - Fisheries | 95 |
| ICT/Digital | 93 |
| Services | 86 |
| Entertainment/Arts | 85 |
| Infrastructure | 73 |
| Oil & Gas | 66 |
| Primary - Veterinarians | 66 |

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| Primary - Food Processing | 54 |
| Transport | 54 |
| Healthcare | 44 |
| Advisory/Consulting | 40 |
| Marine | 34 |
| Finance | 20 |
| Tourism/Hospitality | 20 |
| Import/Export | 18 |
| Retail | 18 |
| Primary | 15 |
| Primary - Horticulture | 14 |
| Primary - Mining | 9 |
| Primary - Forestry | 6 |
| Shipping | <=5 |

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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