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Ref: DOIA 2122-0400

Dear HM,

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

*"1. Are all applications received prior 2018 and 2019 eligible according to new income thresholds announced in Oct' 2019.*

*2. How many applicants have withdrawn their applications post Oct' 2019 announcement of income threshold?"*

#### **Our Response**

Question One: Are all applications received prior 2018 and 2019 eligible according to new income thresholds announced in Oct' 2019

In order to provide information regarding the eligibility of applications for the new income thresholds announced in 2019, it would require an Immigration New Zealand (INZ) staff member to manually review each individual Expression of Interest (EOI) for a resident visa under the Parent Category. As such, we are refusing to provide this information under section 18(f) of the OIA because this information cannot be made without substantial collation or research and would remove Ministry staff from their core duties and therefore the greater public interest would not be served.

Question Two: How many applicants have withdrawn their applications post Oct' 2019 announcement of income threshold?

I can advise that from 1 November 2019 to 11 September 2021, there were 176 EOIs for a Parent Category Resident visa withdrawn. Please note that individuals are able to choose to withdraw their EOI from the pool for any reason. This figure may include withdrawn EOIs for a reason other than the announced change in income threshold.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decision to withhold or refuse parts of your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.



If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Immigration New Zealand at [INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Hogg', is centered below the closing text.

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