



19 August 2021

Wilson Blair

By email: fyi-request-16311-2cb9fb82@requests.fyi.org.nz

File No: DOIA 2122-0272

Dear Wilson

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“how many people have applied for residences under skilled migrant for Chorus (Telecommunications Technicians UFB) occupation as the fibre rollout is about to end in nz. Are these people considered as genuine sustainable employees??”

Our response

Between 1 August 2017 and 5 August 2021, Immigration New Zealand (INZ) have not received any applications for residence under the Skilled Migrant Category for ANZSCO Code 342414 (Telecommunications Technicians) with Chorus Limited as the employer.

I note that your request relates to the Ultra-Fast Broadband (UFB) Programme. Information specifically relating to migrants who have worked on the UFB Programme is not held in a reportable format. To provide this information for you would require INZ to manually check the records for every Skilled Migrant Category visa application and their employer, or the employer they had a job offer from, to determine if a person employed as Telecommunications Technician is working on the UFB Programme. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in both cases, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be compromised.

I have also considered whether consulting with you would assist you to make the request in a form that would remove the reason for the refusal, but in my view it would not.

Information about the definition of sustainable employment is available on our website at: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/documents/visa-paks/2014-aug-29-changes-to-definition-of-201congoing-and-sustainable-employment>

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Hogg'.

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