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Nabilla

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Dear Nabilla,

Thank you for your email of 3 October 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

- 1. Of those people that are eligible for One-off residence visa, how many are eligible for the phase 2 application (March 2022)?*
- 2. Of those people eligible for the phase 2 application, how many are included on the priority list (earning twice median wage & jobs that required registration)?*

With regard to your first question, MBIE estimates that around 135,000 people (including applicants, their onshore partners and dependents) may be eligible to apply as part of phase 2. Note that this is an estimate only as we do not hold all the information required to determine eligibility. Eligibility ultimately needs to be tested by Immigration New Zealand.

With regard to your second question, we do not hold the information required to provide this breakdown. Therefore we are unable to provide this information under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist. The "priority list" described in the question does not reflect the eligibility criteria for the 2021 Resident Visa, which can be found here: [New 2021 Resident Visa | Immigration New Zealand](#).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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