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Dear Mr Rashid,

### REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Thank you for your request of 1 July 2014 under the Official Information Act 1982, submitted via [fyi.org.nz](http://fyi.org.nz). You have asked for statistical information relating to submissions presented to the Minister of Internal Affairs for applications for New Zealand Citizenship by Grant. The answers to each of your questions are detailed below.

1. *"From January 2013 to current date, how many citizenship applications by Grant were referred to Minister of Internal Affairs in submission?"*

628

2. *"Can Department of Internal Affairs provide any report or stats on citizenship applications by Grant processed under ministerial submission during above period?"*

No. This information is withheld under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds that the document that contains the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

3. *"From January 2013 to current date, could you disclose how many citizenship applications were recommended "Approved" by the department but was ultimately "declined" by the Minister?"*

0

4. *"From January 2013 to current date, could you disclose how many citizenship applications were recommended "Declined" by the department but was ultimately "Approved" by the Minister?"*

14

5. *"From January 2013 to current date, could you disclose how many citizenship applications were recommended "Approved" by the department and was "Approved" by the Minister?"*

431

6. *"How many submissions are currently "pending" for Minister's decision?"*

0



7. "For statistical purpose, based on the last 5 to 10 submission cases, how long did it take (an average timeframe) for Minister to consider and decide the submissions cases presented by the Department?"

Generally less than one week.

8. "From January 2013 to current date, how many submissions were presented to Minister because the applicant did not meet the Section "8(2)(c) Good Character requirement", what was their outcome (how many approved/declined/pending) and what was recommended by the department."

Total: 137

Approved: 88

Approved against recommendation: 2

Declined: 49

Declined against recommendation: 0

9. "From January 2013 to current date, how many submissions were presented to Minister under the "section 8 (7) reduction of presence requirement", what was their outcome (how many approved/declined/pending) and what was recommended by the department."

Total: 178

Approved: 124

Approved against recommendation: 0

Declined: 54

Declined against recommendation: 0

10. "From January 2013 to current date, how many submissions were presented to Minister under the "section 9, special cases" , what was their outcome (how many approved/declined/pending) and what was recommended by the department."

All applications for the grant of New Zealand citizenship are able to be considered under section 9 of the Citizenship Act 1977. Therefore, these figures are the same as in question 1:

Total: 628

Approved: 445

Approved against recommendation: 14


Declined: 183

Declined against recommendation: 0

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(3) of the Act to an Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of the decision to withhold information. The Ombudsman's address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsmen  
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Yours Sincerely



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