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Dear Julius,

Request for information

Thank you for your email dated 21 December 2021 requesting information regarding vetting statistics specifically for Immigration New Zealand (INZ).

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). My response to each of your questions can be found below.

As per checking on the NZ Police website today, 21 December 2021 1:39pm, the processing timeframe states, "As at 13/12/2021, the Police Vetting Service is processing 99.7% of vetting requests within 20 working days".

1. *What is the most current processing time performance on the police vetting service?*

As at 5 January 2022, of those requests processed between 27 December 2021 to 2 January 2022, 99.6% were processed within 20 working days.

The Police Vetting Service is processing 99.6% of vetting requests within 20 working days.

2. *Can I request for the number of police vetting service requests made by Immigration New Zealand from 1 December 2021 until present? Of these, how many have been completed by NZ Police Vetting service (by "Completed", I mean those where you have supplied Immigration New Zealand with a result of the police vetting)?*

For Example:

- a) *1 December 2021*
of police vetting service requests made by Immigration New Zealand = x # of police vetting service requests made by Immigration New Zealand and were completed by the NZ police vetting service = y
- b) *2 December 2021*

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*# of police vetting service requests made by Immigration New Zealand
 = a # of police vetting service requests made by Immigration New Zealand and were completed by the NZ police vetting service = b*

Please refer to Table 1 below.

Table 1: Total number of Police vetting service requests made by INZ, and the total number released from 1 December 2021 to 11 January 2022

Date	Total vetting requests received	Total vetting results released
Wednesday, 01 December 2021	730	474
Thursday, 02 December 2021	779	362
Friday, 03 December 2021	951	484
Saturday, 04 December 2021	837	407
Sunday, 05 December 2021	157	244
Monday, 06 December 2021	861	355
Tuesday, 07 December 2021	1196	565
Wednesday, 08 December 2021	1218	569
Thursday, 09 December 2021	1169	426
Friday, 10 December 2021	991	581
Saturday, 11 December 2021	1032	380
Sunday, 12 December 2021	147	50
Monday, 13 December 2021	1097	434
Tuesday, 14 December 2021	1032	484
Wednesday, 15 December 2021	902	404
Thursday, 16 December 2021	801	376
Friday, 17 December 2021	831	490
Saturday, 18 December 2021	1113	395
Sunday, 19 December 2021	229	82
Monday, 20 December 2021	840	562

Date	Total vetting requests received	Total vetting results released
Tuesday, 21 December 2021	888	536
Wednesday, 22 December 2021	672	574
Thursday, 23 December 2021	591	697
Friday, 24 December 2021	275	615
Saturday, 25 December 2021	4	1
Sunday, 26 December 2021	0	3
Monday, 27 December 2021	8	7
Tuesday, 28 December 2021	28	13
Wednesday, 29 December 2021	248	516
Thursday, 30 December 2021	298	518
Friday, 31 December 2021	204	381
Saturday, 01 January 2022	1	1
Wednesday, 05 January 2022	274	577
Thursday, 06 January 2022	398	550
Friday, 07 January 2022	414	769
Saturday, 08 January 2022	19	291
Sunday, 09 January 2022	4	1190
Monday, 10 January 2022	430	403
Tuesday, 11 January 2022	325	691

3. *Immigration New Zealand previously announced a one-off residency visa called the 2021 Resident Visa and has commenced since 1 December 2021; the second phase scheduled in March 2022. Part of the assessment of applications for such a visa is that “INZ will undertake New Zealand Police checks for all 2021 Resident Visa applicants aged 17 years or older, regardless of how long they have been in New Zealand.” (quoted from the Immigration New Zealand website). Has the performance of NZ Police Vetting service surged since 1 December 2021 and if yes, has that surge affected its processing timeframes? Does the*

NZ Police Vetting service anticipate a further impact on the processing timeframes in view of the March 2022 cohort of 2021 Resident Visa applicants? How has the NZ Police Vetting service prepared for this eventuality?

As expected, demand in December 2021 was higher than December 2020, however our service levels were not impacted. Police are currently recruiting to meet this increased demand and are working with INZ on ways to manage demand.

Yours sincerely,



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