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Dear Azaria,

Thank you for your email of 17 February regarding the Parent Resident Visa category.

As you may be aware, Parent Resident Visa category expression of interest selections have been suspended since 2016. A review was conducted in 2018-2019, which resulted in the current Parent Category Visa settings, including an annual cap of 1000 and stricter income requirements for sponsors (starting from twice the median wage for one sponsor who is seeking to sponsor one parent). Immigration New Zealand was due to make the first selections under the current criteria in May 2020, but selections were suspended due to the impacts of COVID-19 on the ability of migrants to enter New Zealand.

A planned review of the category, likely to take place in late 2022, will look at barriers to access, including the income thresholds. It is intended that selections for the Parent Resident Visa category will resume once this review has been undertaken.

Thank you for writing and I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kris Faafoi'.

Hon Kris Faafoi  
**Minister of Immigration**