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Dear A KS,

Thank you for your emails of 1 and 13 March regarding the Parent Resident Visa category.

As you are aware, Parent Resident Visa category expression of interest selections have been suspended since 2016. Immigration New Zealand was due to make the first selections under the current criteria in May 2020, but selections were further suspended due to the impacts of COVID-19 on visa processing.

It is now expected that selections of expressions of interest will resume once a review of the Parent Resident Visa category has been undertaken. The planned review of this category will look at barriers to access, including the income thresholds and ways to manage the backlog of expressions of interest. Some preliminary work on reviewing the Parent Resident Visa category commenced in March 2021, however I am advised that substantive work on this review is not expected until the second half of 2022.

Thank you for writing and take care.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kris Faafoi', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Hon Kris Faafoi  
**Minister of Immigration**