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Tēnā koe Sebastian

## OIA request 21/22 0749 Request for Citizenship Timeframes

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 5 May 2022.

You requested -

• I need the following figures for those who had applied in the months of June 2021, July 2021 and August 2021:

Month No of Total applications No of applications under processing Month Total No total approved Same needed for online ones.

In response to your request, I can advise that Pursuant to section 15(1)(b) of the Act, the Department has decided to provide the requested information to you. However, we are currently preparing this information for release and will provide it to you as soon as practicable. We anticipate this will be with you in the next ten working days, and no later than 17 June 2022.

In the interim, you may find it helpful to refer to the information already available to the public regarding citizenship processing timeframes both on the citizenship application timeframes webpage here: <a href="https://www.govt.nz/browse/passports-citizenship-and-identity/nz-citizenship/how-to-apply-for-nz-citizenship/application-timeframes/">https://www.govt.nz/browse/passports-citizenship-and-identity/nz-citizenship/how-to-apply-for-nz-citizenship/application-timeframes/</a> and on the Department's OIA proactive release webpage as linked below.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <a href="https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2">https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2</a>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi,

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