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File No: DOIA 2122-2323

Dear Byron Immigration Team

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*"Kindly provide the below information:*

*1. The number of student visa applications for the fee Paying-first time and returning international students lodged per month, between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2022, where the principal applicant declared a residential address in China.*

*2. The number of visa applications for the fee Paying-first time and returning international students approved/declined per month, between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2022, where the principal applicant declared a residential address in China.*

*First-time international students- Fee Paying Returning international students- Fee Paying Month  
Applications lodged Approved Declined Applications lodged Approved Declined 2020-01 2020-02  
2020-03 2020-04 2020-05 2020-06 2020-07 2020-08 2020-09 2020-10 2020-11 2020-12 2021-01  
2021-02 2021-03 2021-04 2021-05 2021-06 2021-07 2021-08 2021-09 2021-10 2021-11 2021-12  
2022-01 2022-02 2022-03 2022-04 2022-05 2022-06"*

On 1 July 2022, you were contacted for clarification of your request and you confirmed:

*"1. Are you looking for the Number of Student Visa Applications (full fee paying) received between 01/01/2020 and 30/06/2022, while the principal applicant was OFFSHORE and the residential address in China?  
Correct.*

*2. Are you looking for the Number of Student Visa Applications (full fee paying) Approved/Declined between 01/01/2020 and 30/06/2022, while the principal applicant was OFFSHORE and the residential address in China?  
Correct."*

## Our response

1. The number of student visa applications for the fee paying-first time and returning international students lodged per month, between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2022, while the principal applicant was offshore and the residential address is in China.

Please refer to Appendix One, Tables One and Two, for the information that you have requested.

2. The number of visa applications for the fee Paying-first time and returning international students approved/declined per month, between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2022, while the applicant was offshore and the residential address is in China.

Please refer to Appendix Two, Tables One and Two, for the information that you have requested.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact [INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr. Hogg', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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## Appendix One

**Table One** Number of Student Visa Applications (First time, full fee paying) received between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2022 per month, when the Principal Applicant was offshore and their residential address was in China.

Month application received	Number of Applications
Jan-20	88
Feb-20	1
Apr-20	2
Dec-20	4
Feb-21	1
Apr-21	4
May-21	1
Jun-21	3
Jul-21	5
Aug-21	3
Sep-21	2
Oct-21	2
Nov-21	7
Dec-21	2
Jan-22	2
Feb-22	12
Mar-22	12
Apr-22	86
May-22	431
Jun-22	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>795</b>

**Table Two** Number of Student Visa Applications (Returning, full fee paying) received between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2022 per month, when the Principal Applicant was offshore and their residential address was in China.

<b>Month application received</b>	<b>Number of Applications</b>
Jan-20	374
Feb-20	121
Mar-20	52
Apr-20	8
May-20	8
Jun-20	3
Jul-20	3
Aug-20	1
Oct-20	1
Nov-20	1
Dec-20	18
Jan-21	2
Feb-21	7
Mar-21	80
Apr-21	264
May-21	167
Jun-21	121
Jul-21	22
Aug-21	15
Sep-21	12
Oct-21	19
Nov-21	20
Dec-21	30
Jan-22	19
Feb-22	42
Mar-22	50
Apr-22	92
May-22	333
Jun-22	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,974</b>

## Appendix Two

**Table One** Number of Student Visa Applications (First time, full fee paying) Approved and Declined between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2022 per month, when the Principal Applicant was offshore and their residential address was in China.

Month Decided	Approved	Declined	Total
Jan-20	65	1	66
Feb-20	2	0	2
Mar-20	4	1	5
Apr-20	0	1	1
Jun-20	1	0	1
Jan-21	1	0	1
Feb-21	3	1	4
Mar-21	1	0	1
Apr-21	1	0	1
May-21	3	0	3
Jun-21	1	0	1
Jul-21	4	0	4
Aug-21	2	0	2
Sep-21	3	0	3
Oct-21	2	0	2
Nov-21	2	0	2
Dec-21	2	0	2
Jan-22	2	0	2
Feb-22	4	0	4
Mar-22	13	0	13
Apr-22	3	0	3
May-22	141	3	144
Jun-22	334	6	340
<b>Total</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>607</b>

**Table Two** Number of Student Visa Applications (Returning, full fee paying) Approved and Declined between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2022 per month, when the Principal Applicant was offshore and their residential address was in China.

<b>Month Decided</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Declined</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jan-20	215	1	216
Feb-20	81	1	82
Mar-20	91	4	95
Apr-20	49	1	50
May-20	46	1	47
Jun-20	3	0	3
Jul-20	3	3	6
Aug-20	1	0	1
Sep-20	1	0	1
Oct-20	1	0	1
Dec-20	9	0	9
Jan-21	10	0	10
Feb-21	16	0	16
Mar-21	21	0	21
Apr-21	216	2	218
May-21	188	2	190
Jun-21	161	0	161
Jul-21	47	1	48
Aug-21	17	1	18
Sep-21	10	1	11
Oct-21	18	1	19
Nov-21	22	1	23
Dec-21	22	1	23
Jan-22	10	0	10
Feb-22	29	1	30
Mar-22	49	1	50
Apr-22	37	1	38
May-22	155	3	158
Jun-22	235	8	243
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,798</b>