



18 August 2022

A KS

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Ref: DOIA 2223-0172

Dear A KS

Thank you for your email of 24 July 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

“1:-Total Count of EOIs currently in the Parents residency visa pool. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too as 1 EOI can have more than 1 applicant.

2:- Please share any documents or communication emails showing considerations of reopening or future processing of Parents residency visa EOIs selection which was paused” If you can’t share the full document please provide the name of the document and date of discussion as mentioned in your response to the old EOI (link below)

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffyi.org.nz%2Frequest%2F17478%2Fresponse%2F68040%2Fattach%2F6%2FDOIA%25202122%25201067%2520Appendix%2520one.pdf&data=05%7C01%7CMinisterialServices%40mbie.govt.nz%7C29aedfcf08a245a390e008da6d2dce84%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C637942341564295408%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C&sddata=BQx%2BUkWFUUAyaKoYhSn pSqGIAMBHexG98M66pmanYUM%3D&reserved=0>

3:-Count of EOIs which were submitted before 15 September 2018 and are still in the pool. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too.”

Our Response

Question 1:

As at 30 July 2022, there were a total of 5,618 Parent Residence Expressions of Interest (EOIs) in the pool. These EOIs have a total person count of 8,847 people.

Question 2:

Officials provided initial advice to the Minister of Immigration on options for updating and reopening the Parent Category on 29 July 2022. We have identified 79 emails and 6 papers provided to the Minister of Immigration in the six months to this date. The documents are being withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. This does not preclude the content of these documents from being withheld on other grounds in future requests where they are in scope.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

Question 3:

As at 30 July 2022, there were 3,578 EOIs that were accepted by Immigration New Zealand before 15 September 2018. These EOIs have a total person count of 5,824 people.

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.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Carley', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael Carley
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