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Dear Ziyun,

Thank you for your email of 22 September 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"I am writing to kindly request copies of the most recent assessment templates and training materials for Immigration Officers to follow when assessing the current Greenlist Skilled Residence: Straight to Residence Resident Visas(SR2)

Also, it would be great if you could share the estimated processing timeframe for this category of Resident Visas this information is not available on the Immigration New Zealand website."

Our response

Please refer to Appendix One for the most recent assessment templates and training materials you have requested. Please note that these documents are being released with some information:

- Withheld under s9(2)(a) to maintain the privacy of individuals
- Withheld under s9(2)(b)(ii) to avoid unreasonably prejudicing the commercial position of business entities
- Withheld under s6(c) as it is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial

Where information has been withheld from a document, the grounds are also noted in the documents themselves.

Where section 9 applies, we have considered whether the need to withhold that information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, however it is our opinion that it is not.

With regard to your request about the estimated processing timeframes, please be advised that we do not have an estimated processing timeframe for this category. However, Straight to Residence applications will be prioritised above other skilled residence applications. Applications which require additional information or checks will take longer to process. It is important that applicants include complete information at the time the application is made to avoid unnecessary delays. Below is information publicly available on this Written Parliamentary Question on the number of applications approved broken down by week:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_35993_2022/35993-2022-dr-james-mcdowall-to-the-minister-of-immigration

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 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Hogg', is positioned above the typed name.

Nicola Hogg
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