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Tēnā koe Siddharth,

Thank you for your email of 09 February 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

I need the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

- 1. How many current partnership-based visitor's visa of work visa holders under process.*
- 2. The oldest file under process of partnership-based visitor's visa of work visa holders (provide date and number of applications).*
- 3. How many partnership-based visitor's visa of work visa holders application under process who has applied it before covid-19 and after 1st Aug 2022.*
- 4. Current longest time frame for Partnership based visitor's visa of work visa holders application processing time.*
- 5. How many SMC file under process before November 2022 draw out of which how many applications has CO allocated and how many has been processed.*
- 6. how many SMC file under process after November 2022 out of which how many applications has CO allocated and how many has been processed.*

We clarified the third question in your request, which you confirmed on 6 March 2023 to read as: *-How many applications has been received (accepted and lodged) before 10/08/2020. How many applications has been received (accepted and lodged) after 01/08/2022. Mean number of SMC application and Partnership based worker of visitor's visa received by dates mention and how many still under process (waiting for decision) it's good to process."*

Our Response

We apologise for the delay in providing this information.

Question One: As at 06 March 2023, there were 1,243 visitor visa applications in process where the applicant is in a partnership with a work visa holder.

Question Two: As at 06 March 2023, the oldest application under consideration for the visitor visa applications where the applicant is in a partnership with a work visa holder was received on 29 August 2019. This is the only application from this date.

Question Three: As at 06 March 2023, there were 1,197 visitor visa applications on hand where the applicant is in a partnership with a work visa holder received since 1 August 2022, and five were received before 10 August 2020.

Questions Four: As at 06 March 2023, the median processing time for visitor visa applications where the applicant is in a partnership with a work visa holder was 27 weekdays and 90% of the applications were processed within 141 weekdays.

More information on timeframes for processing of visitor's visa can be found on this page www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/waiting-for-a-visa/how-long-it-takes-to-process-your-visa-application

Question Five: As at 6 March 2023, Immigration New Zealand (INZ) had 803 Skilled Migrant category (SMC) applications on hand which were submitted before 01 November 2022 and all of these applications have been allocated to an immigration officer.

Question Six: As at 6 March 2023, INZ had 2,643 SMC applications on hand which were submitted after 01 November 2022. Out of these 259 applications had been allocated to an immigration officer and 2,384 applications are waiting in the queue to be allocated.

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, or if you require any further assistance, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz

Nāku iti nei, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen', followed by a period.

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