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OIA request 22/23 0609 Request for citizenship processing timeframes

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 28 February 2023.

You requested –

- *What is the submission month for the allocated/processing applications in each bucket in Feb 2023?*

For example:

Bucket 1: Currently processing Applications submitted in May 2022 Bucket 2: Currently processing applications submitted in July 2022

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

Bucket 1: Currently processing applications submitted in February 2022

Bucket 2: Currently processing applications submitted in April 2022

Bucket 3: Currently processing applications submitted in February 2023

Bucket 4: Currently processing applications submitted in December 2022

Bucket 5: Currently processing applications submitted in January 2022

Bucket 6: Currently processing applications submitted in July 2022

Please note:

- We are unable to provide the data as it was in February 2023. This is because we cannot go back to a date in the past, therefore, the data is collated as of 6 March 2023.
- The date of processing is based on the oldest unassigned application associated with the retrospective bucket.
- The data only relates to citizenship by grant applications.
- As the data is extracted from a dynamic system there may be small variances when compared with prior or future datasets.

Should you be interested, data on the status of citizenship by grant applications is available to view on the following website, <https://catalogue.data.govt.nz/dataset/status-of-citizenship-by-grant-applications-by-date-received-at-dia/resource/712409ae-d154-4ac9-a511-75627d4a9eb0>.

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: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

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.

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