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Tēnā koe Anakkapan,

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 2023, to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *May I request for the number of remaining RV21 applications by statuses: Preparing Application, Gathering Info, Under Assessment*
2. *And for Under Assessment, may I know how many applications are in Assessing. And how many applications are in, or waiting to go in, the Quality Check process.*

### **Our Response**

#### **Question 1:**

Please refer to the table below for the number of 2021 Resident Visa applications submitted via the Enhanced Immigration Online system, broken down by application status as at 29 March 2023.

<b>Application Status</b>	<b>Number of applications</b>
Preparing Application	2
Gathering Information	3,903
Under Assessment	10,066
Assessing	1,741

#### **Question 2:**

The number of 2021 Resident Visa applications undergoing a quality check (QC) is continually changing. However, we can advise that we have approximately 180 applications per day undergoing a QC. For context, applications that need a QC are normally allocated to a technical advisor within two working days, and are then expected to be completed or sent back to an immigration officer for further work within two working days of allocation.

I have included a link to the Immigration New Zealand website that has the latest 2021 Resident Visa processing statistics for your reference:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/waiting-for-a-visa/how-long-it-takes-to-process-your-visa-application/2021-resident-visa-processing-times>

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

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen', with a large loop at the end.

**Richard Owen**

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