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Tēnā koe Manpreet,

Thank you for your email of 18 March 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

*“May I request for the number of remaining RV21 applications by statuses: Preparing Application, Gathering Info, Under Assessment according to month.”*

We sought clarification from you to assist with understanding your request and received confirmation from you on 21 March 2023 as below:

*I am after how many applications are still in under assessment and please breakdown of application by the month of its went into under assessment.”*

### **Our Response**

Please see Table one 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.

**Table one.**

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

To provide information on the month when an application’s status changed to ‘Under Assessment’ would require the manual checking of all applications currently under assessment which would take significant resources to do as the information is not held in a reportable format. This part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as some of the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. This task would remove Ministry staff from their core duties and therefore the greater public interest would not be served.

In accordance with section 18(a) of the Act, we have considered whether fixing a charge under section 15 or extending the time limit under section 15(a) would enable the request to be granted but it is our opinion that it would not.

I have added 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>

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.

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](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz)

Nāku iti nei, nā

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

**Richard Owen**  
General Manager (Acting), Border and Visa Operations  
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