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Tēnā koe Manoj,

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I'm writing this to get more detailed information on the Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) visa applications received from offshore starting from 11 November 2022 draw.

1) As of today, I only see the monthly view of applications received / allocated. Can I get the detailed view like the date / week of the applications received and applications allocated to officers?

2) Also, for future updates can you include information like number of approved / declined applications per day / week basis ?

3) Also, the list doesn't differentiate on the category and onshore/offshore applications. Can you provide this information and for future updates?

Ex: onshore / offshore applications received / allocated / approved list on a day / week basis

Our response

Please refer to Tables one–three in the appendix for the number of onshore and offshore Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) applications submitted, approved and allocated to case officers by week, between 11 November 2022 and 17 May 2023. This data is as at 6 June 2023.

In addition, you can utilise the MBIE data migration explorer, which is a publicly available research tool, and is updated each month. It can be found at the following link:

https://mbienz.shinyapps.io/migration_data_explorer/

With regard to your request for future updates on approved/declined applications on a day/week basis, and onshore/offshore applications, INZ does not currently intend to add these details to its website.

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

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Carley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that loops back under the name.

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Appendix

Table one. SMC applications submitted by week between 11 November 2022 and 17 May 2023, as at 6 June 2023

Submitted week	Submitted offshore	Submitted onshore	Total
14-Nov-22	0	8	8
21-Nov-22	8	42	50
28-Nov-22	9	103	112
5-Dec-22	15	134	149
12-Dec-22	31	172	203
19-Dec-22	33	191	224
26-Dec-22	26	73	99
2-Jan-23	17	63	80
9-Jan-23	25	130	155
16-Jan-23	41	192	233
23-Jan-23	42	211	253
30-Jan-23	30	192	222
6-Feb-23	46	181	227
13-Feb-23	35	198	233
20-Feb-23	59	263	322
27-Feb-23	68	168	236
6-Mar-23	84	195	279
13-Mar-23	89	182	271
20-Mar-23	54	164	218
27-Mar-23	46	194	240
3-Apr-23	56	172	228
10-Apr-23	37	153	190
17-Apr-23	32	111	143
24-Apr-23	19	69	88
1-May-23	28	116	144
8-May-23	49	124	173
15-May-23	17	47	64
Total	996	3,848	4,844

Table two. SMC applications approved by week between 11 November 2022 and 17 May 2023, as at 6 June 2023

Approved week	Submitted offshore	Submitted onshore	Total
14-Nov-22	2	6	8
21-Nov-22	2	3	5
28-Nov-22	4	9	13
5-Dec-22	3	5	8
12-Dec-22	5	5	10
19-Dec-22	9	2	11
26-Dec-22	0	1	1
9-Jan-23	5	2	7
16-Jan-23	3	3	6
23-Jan-23	8	3	11
30-Jan-23	3	0	3
6-Feb-23	2	2	4
13-Feb-23	7	33	40
20-Feb-23	10	68	78
27-Feb-23	9	58	67
6-Mar-23	10	73	83
13-Mar-23	15	86	101
20-Mar-23	11	78	89
27-Mar-23	16	87	103
3-Apr-23	9	60	69
10-Apr-23	9	67	76
17-Apr-23	13	78	91
24-Apr-23	9	59	68
1-May-23	15	117	132
8-May-23	10	102	112
15-May-23	14	69	83
Total	203	1,076	1,279

Table three. SMC applications allocated for processing by week of submission between 11 November 2022 and 17 May 2023, as at 6 June 2023

Submitted week	Submitted offshore	Submitted onshore	Total
14-Nov-22	0	2	2
21-Nov-22	4	20	24
28-Nov-22	2	55	57
5-Dec-22	7	78	85
12-Dec-22	13	94	107
19-Dec-22	12	77	89
26-Dec-22	13	34	47
2-Jan-23	11	25	36
9-Jan-23	13	49	62
16-Jan-23	26	81	107
23-Jan-23	24	85	109
30-Jan-23	21	80	101
6-Feb-23	35	70	105
13-Feb-23	27	121	148
20-Feb-23	22	103	125
27-Feb-23	0	22	22
6-Mar-23	2	30	32
13-Mar-23	6	23	29
20-Mar-23	3	18	21
27-Mar-23	2	29	31
3-Apr-23	2	22	24
10-Apr-23	2	17	19
17-Apr-23	2	22	24
24-Apr-23	1	11	12
1-May-23	3	18	21
8-May-23	5	20	25
15-May-23	0	11	11
Total	258	1,217	1,475