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Tēnā koe Jaskaran

Thank you for your email of 01 June 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

1) At the time of response, can you please provide stats below in an excel format if possible for the last 3 quarterly EOI selection from the queued pool.

Tab 1 - Nov'22 Selection – 370

Number of EOI selected from pool

Number of Applications representing the EOI

Number of EOI declined

Number of EOI Withdrawn

Number of ITA Sent

Number of EOI where further information requested and still waiting

Number of Applications submitted from ITA

Number of approved application i.e. parent residency granted after application submitted

Number of declined applications i.e. parent residency declined after application submitted

Number of application still being assessed after application submitted the application.

Drop off rate for Nov'22 selection

Tab 2 - Feb'23 Selection – 1100

Number of EOI selected from pool

Number of EOI selected from pool

Number of Applications representing the EOI

Number of EOI declined

Number of EOI Withdrawn

Number of ITA Sent

Number of EOI where further information requested and still waiting

Number of Applications submitted from ITA

Number of approved application i.e. parent residency granted after application submitted

Number of declined applications i.e. parent residency declined after application submitted

Number of application still being assessed after application submitted the application.

Drop off rate for Feb'23 selection

Tab 3 - May'23 Selection – 400

Number of EOI selected from pool

Number of Applications representing the EOI

Number of EOI declined

Number of EOI Withdrawn

Number of ITA Sent

Number of EOI where further information requested and still waiting

Number of Applications submitted from ITA

Number of approved application i.e. parent residency granted after application submitted

Number of declined applications i.e. parent residency declined after application submitted

Number of application still being assessed after application submitted the application.

Drop off rate for May'23 selection

2) If INZ is still awaiting information from Nov'22 and Feb'22 selection from candidates after 6 months, what is the cut off time! How long INZ just keep waiting on requesting more information for EOI and also, how long is the wait once ITA is send to applicant. Is there any targets in terms of timeline that INZ have to ensure all EOI selected from a quarterly selection are processed within that timeline i.e. 90 days from EOI selection till application received and 30 days to make application decision. What I am after is targets and current real numbers for last 3 quarterly selections from queued pool.

3) From the Policy announcement on parent category,

"Annual limit to number of resident visas available under the Parent Category

1) The number of resident visas that can be granted under the Parent Category is limited to 2,500 people for each year ending 30 June.

2) Until the Queued Pool of EOI is cleared, 2000 visas per year are allocated for the people with EOIs submitted in the Queued Pool, and from July 2023, 500 visas per year will be allocated to those whose EOIs are in the Ballot Pool."

As till 30th June 2023, the only selection is from Queued Pool and no selection is to be made from Ballot pool. Can you confirm that total visa for year ending 30 June 2023 will be 2500 visas from Queue pool? If not, than why are we wasting 500 visas for year ending 30 june 2023?

For next year i.e. 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, 2000 visas from queued pool and 500 from ballot pool?

Our response

Question One

Please see **Table One** for the requested data on Parent Category Expressions of Interest (EOI), as at 16 June 2023, broken down by selection date.

Table One

	EOI selection date		
	November 2022	February 2023	May 2023
Number of EOIs selected	370	1,100	670
Number of applicants represented by the EOI	598	1,782	1,093
Number of EOIs declined	129	181	46
Number of EOIs withdrawn	59	161	69
Number of Invitations to Apply (ITA) sent	181	749	476
Number of EOIs where further information has been requested	0	7	75
Drop off rate*	16%	15%	10%

* We have interpreted the drop off rate to be asking for the percentage of EOIs which have been withdrawn after selection from the pool.

Please see **Table Two** for the requested data on Parent Category visa applications, as at 10 June 2023, broken down by EOI selection date.

Table Two

	EOI selection date		
	November 2022	February 2023	May 2023*
Number of applications submitted from ITA	164	454	10
Number of approved applications	20	25	0
Number of declined applications	48	47	3
Number of applications still being assessed	96	382	7

*Applicants have four months to apply from when they are issued an Invitation to Apply

Question Two

Please refer to our previous response with information on when further information is requested for an EOI, and information on the timeline for lodging an application after an ITA is sent. A copy of this response can be found here:

<https://fyi.org.nz/request/22027/response/85934/attach/4/OIA%20Response%202223%201983.pdf>

Please see **Table Three** for the timeframes between ITAs being issued and applications being received since the 14 November 2022 EOI selection, as at 10 June 2023.

Table Three

Median Number of days	90% of applications received in
49 weekdays	75 weekdays

Please see **Table Four** for the timeframes between applications received and being decided since the 14 November 2022 selection, as at 10 June 2023.

Table Four

Median Number of days	90% of applications completed in
40 weekdays	72 weekdays

Question Three

Please refer to our previous response for information on the parent category policy announcement. A copy of this response can be found here:

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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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Ngā mihi nui



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