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Tēnā koe Jaskaran

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

*If you can please help me with the below questions*

1) *The annual cap until June 2023 is 2,000 visas granted. Today at time of making this request on 10th June 2023, MBIE shared that as of 8th May 2023, only 19 applications has been approved. Now, assuming each application had 2 applicants, so total of 38 visas granted! 38 visa granted out of 2000 visa target! Clearly, the approach is not yielding the results. I understand all the factors that you have mentioned earlier like waiting time between ITA sent and application received, reviewing application etc. However, all of this is anticipated. Can I suggest or in fact ask if MBEI or INZ considered selecting much larger volume (about 2000) of EOI's in Aug'22 selection to make up for the gap!*

2) *You have already provided me with the numbers in the below format in my previous FYI application, can I please request the latest numbers for the table below at the time of response.*

*For Nov'22, Feb'23 and May'23 Queue selections:*

*Number of EOIs selected*

*Number of applicants represented by the EOI*

*Number of EOIs declined*

*Number of EOIs withdrawn*

*Number of Invitations to Apply (ITA) sent*

*Number of EOIs where further information has been requested*

*Number of applications submitted from ITA*

*Number of approved applications*

*Number of approved Visas as each application can have multiple visas*

*Number of declined applications*

*Number of applications still being assessed*

## Our response

### Question One

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) makes adjustments to each selection from the Parent Category Expressions of Interest (EOI), based on the data we have about the likely approval and decline rates of EOIs and subsequent parent residence applications. As advised in our previous response, the target of 2000 approvals a year applies from the 23/24 year onwards. INZ will use all available data to determine the number of EOIs needed in each selection in order to reach this target.

### Question Two

Please see **Table One** for the requested data on Parent Category Expressions of Interest (EOI), as at 3 July 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	186	64
Number of EOIs withdrawn	59	161	78
Number of Invitations to Apply (ITA) sent	181	750	482
Number of EOIs where further information has been requested	0	2	43

Please see **Table Two** for the requested data on Parent Category visa applications, as at 20 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	308	532	26
Number of approved applications	37	29	0
Number of applicants represented in the applications	55	37	0
Number of declined applications	100	50	4
Number of applications still being assessed	169	453	22

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

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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)

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Carley', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Michael Carley

**Principal Advisor, Visa Operations on behalf of the Chief Operating Officer Immigration**  
Immigration New Zealand