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Dear Ms Yang,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 16 June 2023 requesting the following information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Ministry):

- *Please provide the overall data on the number of overstayers and the age distribution, separated by gender.*
- *Please provide the data on the number of overstayers from China and the age distribution, separated by gender.*
- *Please provide information on the regions in China from which the overstayers originate, along with the respective numbers of overstayers in each region, separated by gender and age groups.*
- *Please provide the data for each year between 2018 and 2023 regarding the questions below, including the male-to-female ratio and the age distribution: - How many Chinese overstayers obtained visas through a partnership with New Zealanders under section 61? - How many Chinese overstayers obtained visas through Ministerial Intervention (special direction) based on a partnership with New Zealanders?*

Our Response

This response is addressing point four of your request, noting points one to three were responded to on 17 July 2023.

Please provide the data for each year between 2018 and 2023 regarding the questions below, including the male-to-female ratio and the age distribution: - How many Chinese overstayers obtained visas through a partnership with New Zealanders under section 61? – How many Chinese overstayers obtained visas through Ministerial Intervention (special direction) based on a partnership with New Zealanders?

Tables one and two below relate to Chinese nationals who were in New Zealand without a valid visa and who either made a request for a visa under section 61 of the Immigration Act 2009 and went on to apply for a Partnership visa. Or who made a request to the Associate Minister of Immigration for a visa, based on their partnership with a New Zealand citizen, through ministerial intervention.





Table One

Number of Chinese nationals without a valid visa that were granted a visa under section 61 of the Act and then went on to apply for a partnership visa, between 1 July 2018 and 14 July 2023, ordered by age group and gender		
Age group	Gender	Number
0 – 19 years old	Female	7
	Male	<=5
20 – 29 years old	Female	35
	Male	21
30 – 39 years old	Female	84
	Male	70
40 – 49 years old	Female	49
	Male	30
50 – 59 years old	Female	15
	Male	16
60 years old and over	Female	9
	Male	8

Due to privacy reasons any number that is five or less has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA as the release of those numbers could potentially identify the individual(s).

Table Two

Number of Chinese nationals without a valid visa that were granted a visa under Ministerial intervention, based on their partnership to a New Zealand citizen, between 1 July 2018 and 14 July 2023, ordered by age group and gender		
Age group	Gender	Number
0 – 19 years old	Female	0
	Male	0
20 – 29 years old	Female	0
	Male	0
30 – 39 years old	Female	0
	Male	0
40 – 49 years old	Female	0
	Male	0
50 – 59 years old	Female	0
	Male	0
60 years old and over	Female	0
	Male	0



You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact INZOfficialCorrespondence@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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