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Tēnā koe T Singh

Thank you for your email of 12 July 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

“Can you please disclose the total number of EOI's have been received after 12 Oct 2022 that went into the ballot of parent category visa which has it's first draw scheduled in August 2023. Only the application which are currently in the ballot. Please include the number of persons.

Please share the process of conducting selection from ballot and how much time Immigration will take to send the Invitation to Apply from the date of selection.

Also, please share the parents category EOI's selection date from ballot every quarter until the end of December 2024”

Our Response

The total number of Parent Resident Visa Category Expressions of Interest (EOI) in the ballot received between 12 October 2022 and 29 July 2023 (inclusive), is 5,144. The total number of applicants (people) this represents is 7,862.

The ballot selection is undertaken automatically by Immigration New Zealand's Application Management System (AMS). Selection is random and not based on any factors apart from eligibility.

Following selection, EOIs are allocated to immigration officers, who undertake credibility checks to ensure that clients are prima facie eligible prior to issuing an invitation to apply.

Given this will be the first time we have run the ballot draw, we do not have a confirmed processing timeframe. However, we expect that each EOI credibility check should be completed quickly and anticipate this to take two to three days. As a result, it may take two or three months to complete the credibility checks of all those selected from the ballot.

Selections will take place quarterly in February, May, August and November each year, and generally they will occur on the second Tuesday of the scheduled month. The first selection was on 8 August 2023.



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.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clifford', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Clifford
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