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Tēnā koe Immigration Lawyers New Zealand

Thank you for your email of 23 August 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Statistics relating to the Parent Retirement Category (F3) for the last five years.

For each of the years, please provide:

- Number of new application received that year*
- Number of applications on hand that year*
- Number of applications allocated to an immigration officer that year*
- Number of applications approved (post-AIP) that year*
- Average processing time (from lodgement to decision) for applications approved (post-AIP) that year*
- Number of applications declined that year*
- Average processing time (from lodgement to decision) for applications declined that year*

Our Response

Table 1: The number of Parent Retirement Resident Visa (PRC) applications received and on hand, by year, as at 13 September 2023

Application submission year	Applications received	Applications on hand
2018	89	0
2019	112	2
2020	163	37
2021	272	152
2022	244	219
2023	156	148



Table 2: The number of PRC applications approved and declined, by decision year, as at 13 September 2023

Year decided	Approved	Declined
2018	61	12
2019	68	22
2020	25	3
2021	31	8
2022	83	9
2023	77	4

We are unable to provide the number of applications that were allocated to an immigration officer across each of the last five years and as such this part of your request is refused in accordance with section 18(g) of the Act as this information is not recorded. We have no grounds for believing that the information is held by any other entity as described in section 18(g)(i) or connected more closely with the functions of another entity as described under section 18 (g)(ii). However, we can provide information showing whether an application submitted in the past is currently allocated to an immigration officer, and this is provided in Table 3.

Table 3: The number of PRC applications allocated to and currently being processed by an immigration officer, by submission year, as at 13 September 2023

Application submission year	Applications allocated and in progress
2018	0
2019	0
2020	10
2021	73
2022	34
2023	4
Total	121

Table 4: Average processing time in weekdays (from lodgement to decision) for PRC applications to be approved or declined, by year, as at 13 September 2023

Year application was completed	Approved (weekdays taken)	Declined (weekdays taken)
2018	278	178
2019	199	143
2020	216	488
2021	257	232
2022	638	449
2023	654	522

For further information concerning PRC applications, please refer to the Immigration New Zealand website:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/parent-retirement-resident-visa>

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, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jock Gilray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jock Gilray
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