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Tēnā koe Wendy,

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- “1. Please help provide the entire process for each visa category from submission of application to assignment to different branches and visa officers.*
- 2. Are visa applications allocated in order of visa submission date?*
- 3. Are visa numbers sorted by submission date? Why can some visas under the same visa category have late submission dates but be assigned to visa officers in advance?”*

I am writing to advise you that MBIE has decided to extend the period of time available to notify you of a decision on your request under section 15A(1)(a) of the Act, as the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations.

As such, a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. MBIE will notify you of a decision on your request no later than 20 October 2023.

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

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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