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Tēnā koe Hina

OIA request 23/24 0296 Request for citizenship by grant data for a specific month

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 23 November 2023.

You requested –

> *Can you please provide a table that have the following details for the citizenship applications submitted in August 2023?*
>
> *- Date Received at DIA*
> *- Country of birth*
> *- Date Processing*
> *- Started Date of Decision*
> *- Outcome/Status*

In response to your request I can provide you with the following information.

Please refer to Appendix A, attached with this letter which has the following data which is current as at 8 November 2023:

- Table 1 - Citizen by grant applications received in August 2023 by date received, date processing started, date outcome received and current status.
- Table 2 - Current status of citizenship by grant applications for August 2023 by country of birth.

I note for privacy purposes, data provided for Table 2 was done separately to Table 1 as a further breakdown by date and country of birth as would likely identify individuals.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2.

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.

Ngā mihi

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