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Tēnā koe East Skate Club

Thank you for your email of 29 November 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

- *Can I please request the amount of family violence residency visas that have been issued, where there was no criminal conviction or charges laid in relation to the original complaint or statement in the last 5 years.*
- *Can you please also confirm the amount of fraudulent claims that have been made in the last 5 years.*

Our Response

Both parts of your request have been refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as providing the information would require substantial collation or research. INZ does not hold the requested information in a reportable format and would therefore need to manually check every visa application made under the Victims of Family Violence Work Visa category in the last five years to provide the information to you.

In accordance with section 18A of the Act, I have considered whether fixing a charge under section 15 or extending the time limit under section 15A would enable the request to be granted but it is my view it would not. In accordance with section 18B of the Act, I have considered whether consulting with you would remove the reason for refusal, however, in my view it would not as to obtain this information would inevitably involve the manual search of applications.

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

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