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Tēnā koe Ethan

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 May 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

*request specific information concerning the parent category of immigration applications. The below queries apply only to applicaitons that have been submitted to INZ following an ITA being issued.*

- 1. Could you please confirm the yearly period (dd/mm - dd/mm) to which the yearly cap on approvals to immigration applications for the parent category applies?*
- 2. Please provide the total number of parent visa applications approved from the ballot for the current year as of 10/05/2024, relative to the cap. I require only the yearly total, not a monthly breakdown.*
- 3. Please provide the total number of parent visa applications approved from the queue for each yearly cap period as of 10/05/2024, relative to the cap. I require only the yearly total, not a monthly breakdown.*
- 4. Should the cap be reached in any given year, what procedures are followed for applications that are fully assessed but cannot be approved due to the cap?*
- 5. Are such applications then placed in a queue awaiting the rollover date into the next yearly period? i.e. do these automatically get released on the first day of the new*

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)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

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 24 June 2024.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emma Palmer', is positioned above the printed name.

**Emma Palmer**

Acting Manager, Ministerial Services

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Immigration New Zealand

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment