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Tēnā koe Danilo,

Thank you for your email of 30 August 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

I would like more information regarding the visa applications received since October 2022 and draw results and visa applications broken down by country.

1 - In November 2023, all EOIs in the queued pool were selected, so how many approvals per year will happen from 2024 onwards? When will 2500 visas be granted per year for people in the pool?

2 - What is the current application status received by month since October 2022?

An easy way to present it (and could be updated regularly on the website) is using DIA template:

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcatalogue.data.govt.nz%2Fdataset%2Fstatus-of-citizenship-by-grant-applications-by-date-received-at-dia%2Fresource%2F712409ae-d154-4ac9-a511-75627d4a9eb0&data=05%7C02%7CMinisterialServices%40mbie.govt.nz%7Cb69e7e734ce54f93e53008dcc86b95c2%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C638605611697295318%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJCVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oTGbRSeFqLyhw2k2VUWNC2Y6qIEJHfdpMUyXYkYhlz4%3D&reserved=0>

3 - Can you please break down the EOI and Applications received + status since October 2022?

4 - This is such simple information to gather; why is it not provided on the immigration website regularly, following the example of DIA?

5 - How can I check the status of the EOI we submitted and check if it's about to expire? And why this expiration period? It looks like immigration wants to get money without providing visas. It should at least grant a number of visas by EOI dates.

Our Response

Once all the Parent Resident visa applications based on queue Expressions of Interest (EOI) submitted before 10 October 2022 are decided, the full annual quota of 2,500 visas will be available to people who make visa applications based on ballot EOIs.

An overview of the Parent Resident Visa application data can be found on the Immigration New Zealand (INZ) website: www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/common-topics/parent-resident-visa

Please note INZ reports decisions on applications by month decided rather than by month submitted, to give transparency to the number of visas issued during the year. Please refer to the appendix for Parent Resident Visa data by application submission month.

Ballot EOIs expire two years after the date that they are submitted if they are not selected. To check the status of an EOI, you can contact the immigration contact centre on 0508 558 855.

The benefit of a ballot system is that it prevents a large queue of EOIs from forming and ensures that EOIs in the pool are more current.

Please refer to the following briefing on options for updating and reopening the Parent Resident Visa for more information: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/27077-briefing-options-for-updating-and-reopening-the-parent-category-resident-visa-pdf>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of MBIE's response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. 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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Application status of Parent Resident visas received since October 2022, broken down by month received, as at 22 October 2024.

Application submitted	In Progress	Approved	Declined	Withdrawn	Total
2022-12	0	1	0	0	1
2023-01	0	11	0	0	11
2023-02	0	29	1	2	32
2023-03	0	88	2	5	95
2023-04	4	136	6	1	147
2023-05	2	196	9	2	209
2023-06	12	208	11	6	237
2023-07	6	135	4	7	152
2023-08	6	126	6	0	138
2023-09	10	189	6	8	213
2023-10	12	194	5	3	214
2023-11	25	353	3	4	385
2023-12	53	470	12	15	550
2024-01	56	397	3	11	467
2024-02	109	507	7	16	639
2024-03	141	162	4	3	310
2024-04	44	55	0	1	100
2024-05	66	22	1	0	89
2024-06	92	8	0	1	101
2024-07	30	0	0	0	30
2024-08	36	0	0	0	36
2024-09	75	0	0	1	76
2024-10	9	0	0	0	9
Total	788	3,288	80	86	4,242