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Tēnā koe Janelle

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 September 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

I am writing to formally request information under the Official Information Act 1982. Specifically, I seek the official statistics regarding outcomes for offshore submitted fee-paying student visa applications for clients who are of Myanmar nationality. I would appreciate if the data could be broken down by month for the period from 24 January 2024 to 24 September 2024.

If possible, please provide the following details for each month:

- 1, Total number of offshore fee-paying student visa applications submitted by Myanmar nationals.
- 2, Number of approved applications.
- *3, Number of declined applications.*
- 4, Number of applications still under assessment.

I am writing to advise you that MBIE has decided to extend the period of time available to make 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 5 November 2024.

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 <a href="www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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