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DOIA-REQ- 0004145

Tēnā koe Janelle,

Thank you for your email 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.*

On 17 October 2024, we had contacted you to confirm the scope of the request and the following range was confirmed from the period 24 January to 24 September 2024, for fee-paying student visas submitted offshore by applicants who are of Myanmar nationality, specifically for the visa decisions outcomes (approved, declined, withdrawn, and total received), with the data broken down month by month.

On 22 October 2024, MBIE had extended 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 were such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. MBIE had advised that they would notify you of a decision on your request no later than 5 November 2024.

On 5 November 2024, MBIE had assessed and decided to grant your request, and would provide you the requested information. However, it would take some time to process. MBIE had advised that we would send you the information as soon as it is ready and without undue delay.

### **Our Response**

Please refer to the attached appendix for the requested information. Please note that the withdrawn data has been included for completeness purposes.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry'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](http://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](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Celia Coombes', with a light blue circular stamp or watermark behind it.

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