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Ref: DOIA 1516-0757

Dear Ms Yun,

Thank you for your email of 2 December 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

1. *Total of Working Holiday Visas granted by immigration New Zealand per year (from 2010 to 2014).*
2. *Number of those visa granted for each eligible countries.*
3. *Number of those visa holder's for each working area.*
4. *Number of changing visa status from working holiday visa to work visa (both temporarily and permanently).*

On 14 December 2015, Amanda Campbell, Business Advisor from Operations Support for Immigration New Zealand, contacted you via email for clarification regarding item 3 of your request. You responded stating, "I want to know where working holiday visa holder's work (category of work) and it's statistics."

Our Response

In regards to the first two items in your request, Appendix A includes the figures requested. Please note for future reference that similar information is publicly available on the Immigration New Zealand website at <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/general/generalinformation/statistics>. However, please be aware that the information provided on the website reports the numbers based on financial year rather than calendar year.

The information relevant to the third item of your request is being refused under Section 18(g) of the OIA as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry, and I do not believe it to be held by anyone else. For your information, a Working Holiday Visa allows the visa holder to work in any occupation for any employer anywhere in New Zealand as long as they do not undertake permanent employment. As such, we do not collect information regarding location or category of work as a Working Holiday Visa allows the holder to be in any employment anywhere in New Zealand. This results in the frequent movement around New Zealand of Working Holiday Visa holders. The visa also allows short term study as well as holidaying in New Zealand.

For the fourth item in your request, Appendix B contains the figures requested. These have been organised in the same format as the figures for points 1 and 2.

Please find Appendices A and B attached at the end of this document which provide the information requested under items 1, 2 and 4.

I trust you find the information helpful. You have the right to seek and investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Amanda Campbell, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Amanda.Campbell@mbie.govt.nz or 04 901 9819.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Scott', written over the words 'Yours sincerely'.

Geoff Scott
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