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Keith Head  
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Dear Mr Head

Thank you for your email of 23 February 2017 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

*I would like to know the number of employees of Immigration NZ (employed either directly by Immigration NZ or indirectly through an agency) who process visa applications and who are themselves neither NZ citizens nor NZ residents.*

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be sent to you no later than 24 April 2017.

The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decision to extend the time available to respond to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or free phone 0800 802 602.

We will respond to you sooner if we are able to.

Yours sincerely

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