



30 MAY 2017

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Ref: OIA 1617-1390

Dear G. Reed

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2017 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

*"I wish to know what proportion of immigrants over the last 12 months are coming via the immigration skills shortage lists with breakdown of these across region of departure (ie Asia, UK, etc). Of those on the skills shortage list and regions how many are coming through on each visa category as described on <https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/move-to-nz/new-zealand-visa/compare-nz-visa-types> "*

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) does not hold "region of departure" in a reportable format. Applicants depart from many countries in the world, and travel via different routes, to arrive in New Zealand, while others will have already been in New Zealand when they applied for their work visa.

Please note that of the visa categories you referred to from the NewZealandNow website, only work visas are subject to skills shortage lists. The information below is for work visas where a labour market check was required.

**Work visa approvals May 2016 to April 2017 inclusive**

Labour Market Check	Grand Total
Case made by employer	25,170
Other Labour Market Tests	9,819
Canterbury Skills and Employment Hub	2,801
Long Term Skill Shortage List	2,425
Immediate Skill Shortage List	2,289
Canterbury Skill Shortage List	628
WINZ referral	108
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43,240</b>

I trust you find the information helpful. You have the right to seek an 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 Mark Riddle, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support at [mark.riddle@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:mark.riddle@mbie.govt.nz) .

Yours sincerely



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