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Megh B

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DOIA 1718-0967

Dear Megh B

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) received on 2 February 2018 requesting the following information:

1 Number of visa (Essential skill visa and Post study work visa - employer assisted) approved in year 2017 in New Zealand for Spark New Zealand

2 Number of visa (Essential skill visa and Post study work visa - employer assisted) approved in year 2017 in New Zealand for Spark New Zealand for the post 'communication consultant', 'HMB communication consultant' and 'Assistant Manager'

Our response

In relation to your first question, there were 20 Essential Skills Work Visas and 18 Post Study work visa –Employer Assisted approved in 2017 where Spark were listed as the employer.

In terms of the second question this is being withheld in reliance on section 9(2)(a) in order to protect the privacy of the individuals involved. The reason we have withheld these details is that the numbers are low enough that potentially the individuals involved could be identified.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision to refuse your request 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 further assistance, please contact Neil Bailey, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at neil.bailey@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

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