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Dear Tim

Official Information Act 1982 request 18/19-0402: Citizenship granted to citizens of the Dominican Republic

I refer to your request for information received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 12 December 2018. This response is provided to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act).

You requested—

Can you please advise

1. to how many persons per annum holding the citizenship of the Dominican Republic was New Zealand citizenship granted from the earliest year for which records are easily available.

2. to how many persons per annum previously ordinarily resident in the Dominican Republic was New Zealand citizenship granted from the earliest year for which records are easily available.

1. Grants of New Zealand citizenship to citizens of the Dominican Republic from the earliest year for which records are easily available

The earliest year for which records are easily available is 2000. Grants of citizenship to citizens of the Dominican Republic are listed in the table below—

Year	Count
2004	2
2007	1
2012	3
2014	1
2016	1
2018	2
Grand Total	10

The Department has published statistics on grants of citizenship by country of birth from 1949 to 2017 which may also be of interest to you. This information can be accessed here: https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Services-Citizenship-Citizenship-Statistics?OpenDocument.

2. Grants of New Zealand citizenship to persons previously ordinarily resident in the Dominican Republic

The Department does not require applicants for the grant of citizenship to state their previous countries of residence.

It is therefore necessary to refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) on the grounds that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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