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Danilo Kim

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Ref: OIA 1819-0944

Dear Mr Kim,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act originally received 13 December 2018 for the following information:

1. *Total of Working Holiday Visas granted by immigration New Zealand per year (from 2010 to 2017 or 2018).*
2. *Number of those visas granted for each eligible countries.*
3. *Number of changing visa status from working holiday visa to work visa (both temporarily and permanently).*

Our response:

The information contained in the first two parts of your request is being refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

The information you have requested can be found on the Statistics page of the Immigration New Zealand website: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/research-and-statistics/statistics>. The relevant report is named 'W1 – Work applications decided'.

In relation to the last part of your request, please find attached the information you have requested.

You have the right to contest the decision to refuse the information you have requested by seeking an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is below:

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, please contact Karen Sionzon, Senior Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at karen.sionzon@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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**Number of Working Holiday Visa holders who were subsequently granted a work visa
(2010 to 2018 calendar year)**

| Calendar year decided | No. of work visa holders |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2010 | 8,298 |
| 2011 | 8,917 |
| 2012 | 9,971 |
| 2013 | 11,421 |
| 2014 | 12,356 |
| 2015 | 13,293 |
| 2016 | 13,500 |
| 2017 | 10,123 |
| 2018 | 2,081 |
| Total | 89,960 |

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