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Dear Nicholas Johnson

Thank you for your email of 28 January 2019 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information (I have numbered each item of information requested for ease of reference further below):

“Please provide the following information in relation to Visitor, Work, and Residency visas:

1. In each visa category, the percentage of visa applicants who disclosed a physical health issue as part of the visa process.
2. In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications for which the applicant was asked to provide a professional assessment relating to their physical health in addition to the normal requirements.
3. In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications that were denied on physical health grounds.
4. In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications that were approved, but with a condition that a further physical health assessment be made in any extension or renewal process.
5. In each visa category, the percentage of applicants who disclosed a mental health issue as part of the visa process.
6. In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications for which the applicant was asked to provide a professional assessment relating to their mental health in addition to the normal requirements.
7. In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications that were denied on mental health grounds.
8. In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications that were approved, but with a condition that a further mental health assessment be made in any extension or renewal process.
9. Additionally, please provide the following information in relation to work visas: - For granted visas whose maximum period is 24 months or greater, a breakdown of the requested duration, granted duration, and number of visas issued.”

On 22 February 2019 you agreed by email in response to our letter of the same date, to data being provided from the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

In order to respond to your request, we need to provide you with data from two separate IT systems. It is therefore necessary to provide you with some context about these systems, and explain the way in which Immigration New Zealand (INZ) collects and stores immigration health screening information, and about INZ's Application Management System (AMS), the system through which visa applications are managed.

#### **Immigration Health System (IHS)**

IHS stores the immigration health screening information that INZ's panel physicians have entered into eMedical (an online immigration health screening platform). This system does not record the outcomes of

visa applications, only the medical examination results and the outcomes of the medical assessments, ie. Was the person found to:

- have an acceptable standard of health (ASH), or
- have an acceptable standard of health conditional on the provision of updated information with the person's next visa application (ASH with conditions); or
- not have an acceptable standard of health (not-ASH).

The fact that a visa applicant may have been found to have an acceptable standard of health in IHS does not mean that the visa applicant's application was ultimately approved, as it can still be declined for failing other visa requirements. Conversely a finding in IHS that a visa applicant does not have an acceptable standard of health does not mean that the visa application was ultimately declined, as immigration officers have the discretion to consider whether medical waivers or exceptions to immigration visa requirements are appropriate in each case.

### **Application Management System (AMS)**

AMS records visa applicants' details, information relevant to making a decision on a visa application, the decisions made about visa applications, the details of visas granted and the interactions between visa applicants and INZ. With respect to an applicant's health information, however, the only health information that is captured in AMS in a format which can be used for automated reporting, is whether a visa applicant was found to have an acceptable standard of health or not, not what the particular details of a visa applicant's health matter involves. Free text notes may be recorded about an applicant's health matters in the application 'Notes' field.

### **Information to be released**

The information listed below is being released to you and each item in the list corresponds to the numbered information requests on the first page of this letter. The information provided in each of these tables is for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

Please note that changes were made to the naming and categorising of visa application types in IHS on 25 August 2018. Therefore the tables below containing IHS data comprise a mixture of data under the former and new classifications. For example, you will note that the work visa type 'worker with a job offer' is listed under the 'temporary' visa category. Prior to 25 August 2018, a worker with a job offer would have been included under the 'work/skills' visa category with a visa type of 'temporary employment supported'.

1. You have requested: "In each visa category, the percentage of visa applicants who disclosed a physical health issue as part of the visa process."

The table below provides data from IHS on each visa category and type (as it is recorded in IHS) where during the visa applicant's immigration medical examination at least one question in the 'medical history' section was responded to with a 'yes' answer.

IHS provides a better source of data for the purposes of this question, as visa applications only query whether a visa applicant:

- has Tuberculosis,
- requires renal dialysis,
- needs hospital care, or
- requires residential care.

The IHS records encompass those visa applicants who:

- are required to undertake a medical examination due to specific immigration health screening requirements, and who during the course of their medical examination disclosed a medical condition during the section of the examination in which the physician discusses the person's medical history with them, or
- answered 'yes' to having one of the conditions bullet pointed above in their visa application – in which case they would have been requested to provide an immigration medical certificate.

In order to respond to your request for information about people who have disclosed a physical health issue, the data provided in column 5 in the table below, is derived from immigration medical examinations where the person being examined by an Immigration New Zealand panel physician has answered 'yes' to having a medical history of one of the following:

- Heart condition including coronary disease, hypertension, valve or congenital disease
- Blood condition (including thalassemia)
- Kidney or Bladder Disease
- An ongoing physical or intellectual disability affecting your current or future ability to function independently or be able to work full-time (including autism or developmental delay)
- Hereditary or auto-immune condition
- Neurological condition, including a stroke or multiple sclerosis
- Tuberculosis (TB), treatment for tuberculosis
- Prolonged medical treatment and/or repeated hospital admissions for any reason, including a major operation or psychiatric illness
- Psychological/Psychiatric Disorder (including major depression, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia)
- An abnormal or reactive HIV blood test
- An abnormal or reactive Hepatitis B or hepatitis C blood test?
- Cancer or Malignancy in the last 5 years
- Diabetes

The third column in the table below, contains data on the total number of medical examinations, however, the fourth column confirms the actual number of people who were required to answer the medical history questions listed directly above. This is because some visa applicants are not required to answer medical history questions (i.e. partners and dependent children of New Zealand citizens and residents, refugees and those undergoing a chest x-ray examination only).

**Table 1: Percentage of visa applicants who disclosed a physical health issue during the 'medical history' section of their immigration medical examination (2018)**

(1) Visa Category	(2) Visa Type	(3) Total Submitted	(4) Total Asked Medical History	(5) Total that answered 'Yes' to at least one Medical History question concerning physical health	(6) % Rate who answered 'Yes' (of those asked for their medical history)
Family	Child	8505	7266	196	2.7%
Family	Family Parent	888	419	87	20.8%

Family	Guardian	506	363	40	11.0%
Family	Parent Retirement	154	76	31	40.8%
Family	Parent/Grandparent Multiple Entry	2121	1820	606	33.3%
Family	Partner	13620	10830	1177	10.9%
Humanitarian	Other	65	56	5	8.9%
Humanitarian	Refugee	348	137	14	10.2%
Humanitarian	UNHCR	642			
Pacific Residence	Kiribati	33	33	4	12.1%
Pacific Residence	Other	111	109	8	7.3%
Pacific Residence	Samoa	563	549	9	1.6%
Pacific Residence	Tonga	155	154	6	3.9%
Pacific Residence	Tuvalu	16	16		
Residence	Family	5647	4208	455	10.8%
Residence	Humanitarian Other	183	148	23	15.5%
Residence	Humanitarian UNHCR	472	1		
Residence	Pacific Categories	1051	1045		
Residence	Skilled / Business	5170	4493	587	13.1%
Student	Student	24731	8612	503	5.8%
Temporary	Student	24613	10263	590	5.7%
Temporary	Visitor	12733	9347	2106	22.5%
Temporary	Worker with job offer	20947	14645	1826	12.5%
Temporary	Worker without job offer	19804	13148	1444	11.0%
Visitor	Visitor	10444	5768	878	15.2%
Work / Skills	Business/Investor	519	454	65	14.3%
Work / Skills	Job Search	7709	7256	400	5.5%
Work / Skills	Resident	1798	1435	184	12.8%
Work / Skills	Temporary (Other)	3893	2858	288	10.1%
Work / Skills	Temporary Employment Supported	20704	11707	955	8.2%
Work / Skills	Work to Residence	7051	6253	738	11.8%
Work / Skills	Working Holiday Scheme	12881	3048	305	10.0%
Work to Residence	Family of Worker	2462	2371	273	11.5%
Work to Residence	Worker	3190	2954	467	15.8%

2. You have requested: "In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications for which the applicant was asked to provide a professional assessment relating to their physical health in addition to the normal requirements."

The table below provides data from IHS on each visa type (as it is recorded in IHS) which had a further information request (FIR). This means that these visa applicants underwent an immigration medical examination and further clinical investigations were required before an opinion could be made on whether the applicant had an acceptable standard of health or not.

**Table 2: Percentage of visa applicants requested to provide an additional professional medical assessment (ie. where further clinical information over and above the initial immigration medical examination was requested) (2018)**

Visa Category	Visa Type	Total Submitted	Further Information Requests (FIR)	% Rate
Family	Child	8505	138	1.6%
Family	Family Parent	888	89	10.0%
Family	Guardian	506	55	10.9%
Family	Parent Retirement	154	33	21.4%
Family	Parent/Grandparent Multiple Entry	2121	421	19.8%
Family	Partner	13620	715	5.2%
Humanitarian	Other	65	10	15.4%
Humanitarian	Refugee	348	45	12.9%
Humanitarian	UNHCR	642	134	20.9%
Pacific Residence	Kiribati	33	5	15.2%
Pacific Residence	Other	111	8	7.2%
Pacific Residence	Samoa	563	33	5.9%
Pacific Residence	Tonga	155	10	6.5%
Pacific Residence	Tuvalu	16		0.0%
Residence	Family	5647	543	9.6%
Residence	Humanitarian Other	183	29	15.8%
Residence	Humanitarian UNHCR	472	83	17.6%
Residence	Pacific Categories	1051	111	10.6%
Residence	Skilled / Business	5170	653	12.6%
Student	Student	24731	507	2.1%
Temporary	Student	24613	980	4.0%
Temporary	Visitor	12733	2613	20.5%
Temporary	Worker with job offer	20947	2131	10.2%
Temporary	Worker without job offer	19804	1662	8.4%
Visitor	Visitor	10444	1021	9.8%
Work / Skills	Business/Investor	519	50	9.6%
Work / Skills	Job Search	7709	351	4.6%
Work / Skills	Resident	1798	85	4.7%
Work / Skills	Temporary (Other)	3893	199	5.1%
Work / Skills	Temporary	20704	715	3.5%

		Employment Supported		
Work / Skills	Work to Residence	7051	443	6.3%
Work / Skills	Working Holiday Scheme	12881	180	1.4%
Work to Residence	Family of Worker	2462	309	12.6%
Work to Residence	Worker	3190	458	14.4%

3. You have requested: "In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications that were denied on physical health grounds."

The table below provides data from AMS on each visa type (as it is recorded in AMS) which had a decision outcome recorded as 'Declined Failed Medical'. This data does not include any applications where a visa applicant may not have had an acceptable standard of health but where the visa application was declined for another reason, ie. where an applicant's health was not the paramount reason for declining the application. On some occasions an immigration officer may also enter a generic reason into AMS for declining a visa application such as 'Declined Failed Policy'. Therefore applications which were recorded as being declined under a generic decline decision, even though the reason for decline may have been the applicant's health, are not included in the data below.

**Table 3: Percentage of visa applications with a 'Declined Failed Medical' outcome (2018)**

AMS Visa Category	'Declined Failed Medical'	Grand Total	% Rate
Consular	-	143	0.00%
Diplomatic	-	738	0.00%
Limited	3	16331	0.02%
Military	-	289	0.00%
Official	-	201	0.00%
Permanent Resident	-	48373	0.00%
Resident	16	48299	0.03%
Student	38	119232	0.03%
Transit	-	1612	0.00%
Visitor's	216	824964	0.03%
Work	95	252520	0.04%

4. You have requested: "In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications that were approved, but with a condition that a further physical health assessment be made in any extension or renewal process."

The table below provides data from IHS on each visa type (as it is recorded in IHS) which had an assessment outcome of 'ASH with conditions'. This means that the visa applicant was found to have an acceptable standard of health for their current visa application but that updated health information would be required for their next visa application. As noted in the earlier context discussion, IHS does not record the outcome of visa applications, therefore it is unknown if all the applications included in this data were ultimately approved. AMS does not record 'ASH with conditions' outcomes in a way that allows for automated reporting.

**Table 4: Percentage of visa applications with an 'ASH with conditions' outcome (2018)**

Visa Category	Visa Type	Total Submitted	'ASH with Conditions'	% Rate
Family	Child	8505	75	0.9%
Family	Family Parent	888	71	8.0%
Family	Guardian	506	61	12.1%
Family	Parent Retirement	154	13	8.4%
Family	Parent/Grandparent Multiple Entry	2121	811	38.2%
Family	Partner	13620	765	5.6%
Humanitarian	Other	65	3	4.6%
Humanitarian	Refugee	348	3	0.9%
Humanitarian	UNHCR	642		0.0%
Pacific Residence	Kiribati	33	1	3.0%
Pacific Residence	Other	111		0.0%
Pacific Residence	Samoa	563		0.0%
Pacific Residence	Tonga	155	1	0.6%

Pacific Residence	Tuvalu	16		0.0%
Residence	Family	5647	23	0.4%
Residence	Humanitarian Other	183		0.0%
Residence	Humanitarian UNHCR	472		0.0%
Residence	Pacific Categories	1051	1	0.1%
Residence	Skilled / Business	5170	28	0.5%
Student	Student	24731	659	2.7%
Temporary	Student	24613	947	3.8%
Temporary	Visitor	12733	2791	21.9%
Temporary	Worker with job offer	20947	2587	12.4%
Temporary	Worker without job offer	19804	1529	7.7%
Visitor	Visitor	10444	1241	11.9%
Work / Skills	Business/Investor	519	14	2.7%
Work / Skills	Job Search	7709	416	5.4%
Work / Skills	Resident	1798	16	0.9%
Work / Skills	Temporary (Other)	3893	338	8.7%
Work / Skills	Temporary Employment Supported	20704	1209	5.8%
Work / Skills	Work to Residence	7051	432	6.1%
Work / Skills	Working Holiday Scheme	12881	290	2.3%
Work to Residence	Family of Worker	2462	6	0.2%
Work to Residence	Worker	3190	17	0.5%

5. You have requested: "In each visa category, the percentage of applicants who disclosed a mental health issue as part of the visa process."

The table below provides data from IHS on each visa type (as it is recorded in IHS) where the visa applicant answered 'yes' during their immigration medical examination to the medical history question as to whether they had a history of 'Psychological/Psychiatric Disorder (including major depression, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia)?'



**Table 5: Percentage of applicants who disclosed a psychological or psychiatric disorder during their immigration medical examination (2018)**

Visa Category	Visa Type	Total Submitted	'Yes' to Psychological/Psychiatric Disorder (including major depression, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia)	% Rate
Family	Child	8505	20	0.2%
Family	Family Parent	888	1	0.1%
Family	Guardian	506	1	0.2%
Family	Parent Retirement	154	1	0.6%
Family	Parent/Grandparent Multiple Entry	2121	7	0.3%
Family	Partner	13620	100	0.7%
Humanitarian	Other	65	1	1.5%
Humanitarian	Refugee	348	8	2.3%
Humanitarian	UNHCR	642		
Pacific Residence	Kiribati	33		
Pacific Residence	Other	111		
Pacific Residence	Samoa	563		
Pacific Residence	Tonga	155		
Pacific Residence	Tuvalu	16		
Residence	Family	5647	52	0.9%
Residence	Humanitarian Other	183	4	2.2%
Residence	Humanitarian UNHCR	472		
Residence	Pacific Categories	1051	1	0.1%
Residence	Skilled / Business	5170	66	1.3%
Student	Student	24731	44	0.2%
Temporary	Student	24613	58	0.2%
Temporary	Visitor	12733	56	0.4%
Temporary	Worker with job offer	20947	136	0.6%
Temporary	Worker without job offer	19804	184	0.9%
Visitor	Visitor	10444	22	0.2%
Work / Skills	Business/Investor	519	1	0.2%
Work / Skills	Job Search	7709	11	0.1%
Work / Skills	Resident	1798	13	0.7%
Work / Skills	Temporary (Other)	3893	13	0.3%
Work / Skills	Temporary Employment Supported	20704	42	0.2%
Work / Skills	Work to Residence	7051	72	1.0%
Work / Skills	Working Holiday Scheme	12881	91	0.7%
Work to	Family of Worker	2462	60	2.4%

Residence				
Work to Residence	Worker	3190	60	1.9%

6. You have requested: "In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications for which the applicant was asked to provide a professional assessment relating to their mental health in addition to the normal requirements."

The table below provides data from IHS on each visa type (as it is recorded in IHS) where a further information request (FIR) for a report from a psychiatrist was recorded against a visa applicant who had provided an immigration medical certificate and had disclosed a psychological or psychiatric disorder during their examination.

The percentage rate in the final column in the table below is higher than 100% in some cases. This is because in some cases Immigration New Zealand may require more than one further report depending on the findings in the first report which is provided.

**Table 6: Percentage of visa applicants asked to provide a professional assessment relating to a psychological or psychiatric disorder after having disclosed that they had a psychological or psychiatric disorder (2018)**

Visa Category	Visa Type	Total Submitted	'Yes' to Psychological / Psychiatric Disorder (including major depression, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia)	Psychiatrist's report FIR	% Rate of those required to provide a psychiatric report after answering 'Yes'
Family	Child	8505	20	8	40.0%
Family	Family Parent	888	1	1	100.0%
Family	Guardian	506	1	1	100.0%
Family	Parent Retirement	154	1		0.0%
Family	Parent/Grandparent Multiple Entry	2121	7	4	57.1%
Family	Partner	13620	100	83	83.0%
Humanitarian	Other	65	1		0.0%
Humanitarian	Refugee	348	8	8	100.0%
Humanitarian	UNHCR	642		1	
Pacific Residence	Kiribati	33			
Pacific Residence	Other	111			
Pacific Residence	Samoa	563			
Pacific Residence	Tonga	155			
Pacific Residence	Tuvalu	16			

Residence	Family	5647	52	38	73.1%
Residence	Humanitarian Other	183	4	5	125.0%
Residence	Humanitarian UNHCR	472			
Residence	Pacific Categories	1051	1	1	100.0%
Residence	Skilled / Business	5170	66	55	83.3%
Student	Student	24731	44	29	65.9%
Temporary	Student	24613	58	51	87.9%
Temporary	Visitor	12733	56	53	94.6%
Temporary	Worker with job offer	20947	136	139	102.2%
Temporary	Worker without job offer	19804	184	170	92.4%
Visitor	Visitor	10444	22	15	68.2%
Work / Skills	Business/Investor	519	1	2	200.0%
Work / Skills	Job Search	7709	11	12	109.1%
Work / Skills	Resident	1798	13	6	46.2%
Work / Skills	Temporary (Other)	3893	13	12	92.3%
Work / Skills	Temporary Employment Supported	20704	42	40	95.2%
Work / Skills	Work to Residence	7051	72	57	79.2%
Work / Skills	Working Holiday Scheme	12881	91	48	52.7%
Work to Residence	Family of Worker	2462	60	45	75.0%
Work to Residence	Worker	3190	60	52	86.7%

7. You have requested: "In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications that were denied on mental health grounds."

The table below provides data from IHS on each visa type (as it is recorded in IHS) where the visa applicant answered 'yes' during their immigration medical examination to the medical history question about whether they had a 'Psychological/Psychiatric Disorder (including major depression, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia)', and the medical assessment outcome recorded in IHS was not-ASH. It is important to bear in mind that a visa applicant may have more than one medical issue and that it may not have been only a psychological or psychiatric disorder that resulted in the not-ASH finding. As noted in the earlier context discussion, IHS does not record the outcome of visa applications, therefore it is unknown if all the applications included in this data were ultimately declined as immigration officers have the discretion to grant medical waivers and exceptions to immigration instructions when considered appropriate.

**Table 7: Percentage of visa applicants found to be not-ASH with a psychological or psychiatric disorder disclosed (2018)**

Visa Category	Visa Type	Total Submitted	'Not ASH' with a psychological or psychiatric disorder disclosed	% Rate
Family	Child	8505		0.00%
Family	Family Parent	888		0.00%
Family	Guardian	506		0.00%
Family	Parent Retirement	154	1	0.65%
Family	Parent/Grandparent Multiple Entry	2121		0.00%
Family	Partner	13620	1	0.01%
Humanitarian	Other	65		0.00%
Humanitarian	Refugee	348		0.00%
Humanitarian	UNHCR	642		0.00%
Pacific Residence	Kiribati	33		0.00%
Pacific Residence	Other	111		0.00%
Pacific Residence	Samoa	563		0.00%
Pacific Residence	Tonga	155	1	0.65%
Pacific Residence	Tuvalu	16		0.00%
Residence	Family	5647	28	0.50%
Residence	Humanitarian Other	183	2	1.09%
Residence	Humanitarian UNHCR	472		0.00%
Residence	Pacific Categories	1051	1	0.10%
Residence	Skilled / Business	5170	21	0.41%
Student	Student	24731		0.00%
Temporary	Student	24613		0.00%
Temporary	Visitor	12733	6	0.05%
Temporary	Worker with job offer	20947	2	0.01%
Temporary	Worker without job offer	19804	5	0.03%
Visitor	Visitor	10444		0.00%
Work / Skills	Business/Investor	519		0.00%
Work / Skills	Job Search	7709		0.00%
Work / Skills	Resident	1798		0.00%
Work / Skills	Temporary (Other)	3893		0.00%
Work / Skills	Temporary Employment Supported	20704		0.00%
Work / Skills	Work to Residence	7051	1	0.01%
Work / Skills	Working Holiday Scheme	12881		0.00%
Work to	Family of Worker	2462	14	0.57%

Residence				
Work to Residence	Worker	3190	16	0.50%

8. You have requested: "In each visa category, the percentage of visa applications that were approved, but with a condition that a further mental health assessment be made in any extension or renewal process."

The table below provides data from IHS on each visa type (as it is recorded in IHS) where the visa applicant was determined to be 'ASH with conditions', (ie. had an acceptable standard of health for the length of the visa being applied for), but who was required to provide a psychiatric report with their next visa application. As noted in the earlier context discussion, IHS does not record the outcome of visa applications, therefore it is unknown if all the applications included in this data were ultimately approved as the visa application may have failed to meet policy requirements other than immigration health requirements.

**Table 8: Percentage of visa applicants that had an 'ASH with conditions' assessment outcome with the condition being that a psychiatric report be provided with the next visa application (2018)**

Visa Category	Visa Type	Total Submitted	'ASH with Conditions' with a psychiatric report requirement	% Rate
Family	Child	8505	1	0.01%
Family	Family Parent	888		0.00%
Family	Guardian	506		0.00%
Family	Parent Retirement	154		0.00%
Family	Parent/Grandparent Multiple Entry	2121	2	0.09%
Family	Partner	13620	16	0.12%
Humanitarian	Other	65		0.00%
Humanitarian	Refugee	348		0.00%
Humanitarian	UNHCR	642		0.00%
Pacific Residence	Kiribati	33		0.00%
Pacific Residence	Other	111		0.00%
Pacific Residence	Samoa	563		0.00%
Pacific Residence	Tonga	155		0.00%
Pacific Residence	Tuvalu	16		0.00%
Residence	Family	5647	1	0.02%
Residence	Humanitarian Other	183		0.00%
Residence	Humanitarian UNHCR	472		0.00%
Residence	Pacific Categories	1051		0.00%
Residence	Skilled / Business	5170	2	0.04%
Student	Student	24731	12	0.05%
Temporary	Student	24613	29	0.12%
Temporary	Visitor	12733	17	0.13%

Temporary	Worker with job offer	20947	49	0.23%
Temporary	Worker without job offer	19804	71	0.36%
Visitor	Visitor	10444	4	0.04%
Work / Skills	Business/Investor	519		0.00%
Work / Skills	Job Search	7709	4	0.05%
Work / Skills	Resident	1798		0.00%
Work / Skills	Temporary (Other)	3893	6	0.15%
Work / Skills	Temporary Employment Supported	20704	12	0.06%
Work / Skills	Work to Residence	7051	8	0.11%
Work / Skills	Working Holiday Scheme	12881	22	0.17%
Work to Residence	Family of Worker	2462		0.00%
Work to Residence	Worker	3190		0.00%

9. You have requested “Additionally, please provide the following information in relation to work visas: For granted visas whose maximum period is 24 months or greater, a breakdown of the requested duration, granted duration, and number of visas issued.”

The table below provides data from AMS on the length of work visas granted in 2018. Your request for information on the requested duration of work visas is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1987, as this information does not exist. Work visa application forms do not ask visa applicants to provide a specified period of intended stay in New Zealand. Therefore there is no data field in AMS which captures a date or length of time that an applicant has requested a visa be granted for. An immigration officer will derive the intended length of stay from the supplementary supporting information such as an employment contract.

**Table 9: Duration of Work Visas granted (2018)**

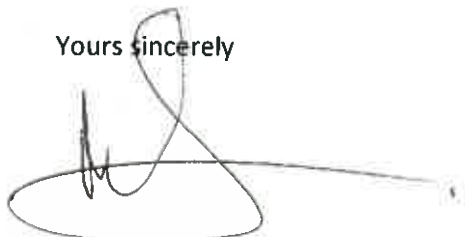
Work Visa – Periods	Count
< 24 months	211858
24 months	1156
24-36 months	31045
>36 months	15882
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>259941</b>

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

I trust that you find the above information helpful.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Reon Veale, Senior Business Analyst, Immigration Health Team at [Reon.Veale@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Reon.Veale@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Sorensen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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