

12 March 2019

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Ref: DOIA 1819-1215

Dear Mr Laurent,

I refer to your official information request, which was received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (the Ministry) on 17 February 2019. You requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- 1. the number of active registrations for Tier 2 sponsorship under the Refugee Family Support Category currently held by INZ but not yet invited to apply; and*
- 2. the numbers of Tier 2 Invitations to Apply for Residence issued by INZ in the financial years to June 2016, June 2017 and June 2018.*

Our response

Question 1 – there are 1,165 registrations for Tier 2 sponsorship under the Refugee Family Support Category currently held by INZ, and not yet invited to apply.

Question 2 – please refer to the table below.

Number of Invitations to Apply for Tier 2 sponsorship under the Refugee Family Support Category issued by INZ in the financial years to June 2016, June 2017 and June 2018

| 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 68 | 52 | 137 |

No information has been withheld or refused.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Fraser Stretton at fraser.stretton@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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