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Ref: DOIA 1920-1548

Dear A KS

I refer to your official information request, which was received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment on 03 May 2020. You requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

- 1:- Count of new EOIs received by MBIE for parent category since 24 February 2020? If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too as 1 EOI can have more than 1 applicant.*
- 2:- Count of EOIs submitted before 24 Feb 2020 and are still in the pool. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too.*
- 3:- Count of EOI's which have been withdrawn between 8th Oct 2019 and now. If you can provide the count of persons that will be great too.*

Due to the current situation in New Zealand relating to Covid-19, resource and capacity has been impacted by INZ working remotely and undertaking essential projects relating to the Covid-19 response.

A data request has been submitted in regards to your request. However, data requests are taking some time to process due to the high volume and Covid-19 response priorities. Consultation will also be required once the data is received.

Therefore the Ministry needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 29 September 2020. The reason for the extension relies on:

- S15A (1) (b) of the OIA – consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

I will respond to your request sooner if I am able to.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision to extend the time limit by the Ombudsman at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz), free-phone 0800 802 602 or post to the following address: The Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10-152, WELLINGTON 6143

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact Dongrui Pang at [Dongrui.Pang@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:Dongrui.Pang@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jock Gilray', written in a cursive style.

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