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Dear Mohamed

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 18 October 2021. You requested the following:

... "a figure and a percentage of income tax paid by taxpayers who are on Work Visa/ Resident status/Permanent residence status/Immigrants with respect to the total income tax. The years required for 2018/ 2019/2020/2021"

Unfortunately, we do not gather information on citizenship in our tax system, as it is not required for tax purposes. New Zealand uses tax residency to determine taxing rights. Information about tax residency can be found on our general website, ird.govt.nz.

You may wish to direct your enquiries to Statistics New Zealand.

I therefore must refuse your request under the provisions in section 18(e) of the Act because the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you for writing. I trust that my comments are of some assistance.

Yours sincerely

Tony Donoghue

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