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Dear Corey-Jon

Thank you for your email of 8 September 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1) *Please provide me with the total number of people that are residing in New Zealand, on a Work Visa that hold Citizenship in Chile.*
- 2) *Please provide me with the total number of people that are residing in New Zealand, on a Work Visa that hold Citizenship in Argentina*
- 3) *Please provide me with the total number of people that are residing in New Zealand, on a Work Visa that hold Citizenship in Falkland Islands or Malvinas.*
- 4) *Please provide me with the total number of people that are residing in New Zealand, on a Work Visa that hold Citizenship in Brazil.*
- 5) *Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Citizens that currently hold Dual Citizenship with Chile.*
- 6) *Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Citizens that currently hold Dual Citizenship with Argentina.*
- 7) *Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Citizens that currently hold Dual Citizenship with Falkland Islands or Malvinas.*
- 8) *Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Citizens that currently hold Dual Citizenship with Brazil.*
- 9) *Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Police staff or contractors, that are employed or contractors on work permit Visas.*
- 10) *Please provide me the total number of New Zealand Police staff or contractors, that hold Dual Citizenship and which country they hold the Dual citizenship with.*
- 11) *Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Police staff or contractors, that have applied for Citizenship and are yet to be awarded Citizenship to New Zealand. Please include their countries of origin or which country they hold Citizenship in currently.*
- 12) *Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Police staff or contractors, that are citizens of Chile.*
- 13) *Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Police staff or contractors, that are citizens of Argentina.*
- 14) *Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Police staff or contractors, that are citizens of Brazil.*



- 15) Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Police staff or or contractors, that are citizens of Falkland Islands or Malvinas.
- 16) Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Defence Force staff or contractors, that hold dual citizenship with Chile.
- 17) Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Defence Force staff or contractors, that hold dual citizenship with Argentina.
- 18) Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Defence Force staff or contractors, that hold dual citizenship with Brazil.
- 19) Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand Defence Force staff or or contractors, that hold dual citizenship with Falkland island or Malvinas.
- 20) Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand permanent residents, being citizens, refugees or current work permit visa holders, that hold Dual citizenship with Chile.
- 21) Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand permanent residents, being citizens, refugees or current work permit visa holders, that hold Dual citizenship with Argentina.
- 22) Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand permanent residents, being citizens, refugees or current work permit visa holders, that hold Dual citizenship with Brazil.
- 23) Please provide me with the total number of New Zealand permanent residents, being citizens, refugees or current work permit visa holders, that hold Dual citizenship with Falkland Islands or Malvinas.
- 24) Please provide me with the total numbers of people currently residing in New Zealand that may hold Citizenship from any of the States/Areas currently known as Antarctica, if any..
- 25) Please provide the total number of New Zealand Government Employees or contractors.
- 26) Please provide the total number of New Zealand Government Employees or contractors and which department or agency of the New Zealand Government they are employed or contracting to. Please also include the total numbers of those who hold Dual Citizenship and which other Country they are citizens of.

## **Our Response**

**Question 1.** The total number of people in New Zealand, on a work visa, and who hold citizenship of Chile was 1,404, as at 31 August 2022.

**Question 2.** The total number of people in New Zealand, on a work visa, and who hold citizenship of Argentina was 1,365, as at 31 August 2022.

**Question 3.** Immigration New Zealand is aware that since 1983, Falkland Islanders have held full British citizenship. Consequently, these people cannot be distinguished from other British citizens, meaning Immigration New Zealand does not hold this information. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

**Question 4.** The total number of people in New Zealand, on a work visa, and who hold citizenship of Brazil was 1,956, as at 31 August 2022.

Please note for the above four questions, a visa holder's nationality is recorded based on the passport held at the time of entering New Zealand, regardless of any other citizenship they may hold. For example, if a person holds Argentinian and Brazilian citizenships and used their Argentinian passport to enter New Zealand, this person will be treated as holding Argentinian citizenship. The population counts are randomly rounded to base 3, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

**Questions 5-8.** As advised on 20 September 2022 these parts of your request were transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

**Questions 9-15.** As advised on 15 September 2022 these parts of your request were transferred to the New Zealand Police in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

**Questions 16-19.** As advised on 15 September 2022 these parts of your request were transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

**Questions 20-24.** As noted earlier, a person's nationality is recorded on the Immigration New Zealand (INZ) system based on the passport held at the time they entered New Zealand regardless of whether they hold dual citizenship. These parts of your request are therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as this information does not exist.

**Questions 25.** Data on the total number of New Zealand Government Employees is publicly available on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission website here:

[www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/guidance-data-drilldown-and-technical-guidance/](http://www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/guidance-data-drilldown-and-technical-guidance/)

We are refusing your request for information on the total number of contractors employed by the New Zealand government under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by or connected more closely with the functions of another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

Information on contractor and consultant expenditure is available here:

[www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/workforce-data-public-sector-composition/workforce-data-workforce-size/](http://www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/workforce-data-public-sector-composition/workforce-data-workforce-size/)

**Questions 26.** We are refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by or connected more closely with the functions of another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

However, information on New Zealand public servants born overseas and their year since arrival can be found here:

[www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/workforce-data-diversity-and-inclusion/workforce-data-ethnicity-in-the-public-service/](http://www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/workforce-data-diversity-and-inclusion/workforce-data-ethnicity-in-the-public-service/)

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.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [inzoias@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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