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Dear A KS,

Thank you for your email of 13 October 2022 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *Can you provide the total Count of EOIs currently in the Parents' residency visa Queued pool. If you can provide the count of persons, that will be great too, as 1 EOI can have more than one applicant.*
2. *Please share the document mentioned in the link below, dated 20 October 2021, regarding long-term visitor visas for Parents. (link removed for formatting reasons)*
3. *Please share any other documents related to the discussion or consideration of the introduction of the longer-term parent visitor visa or any modifications to the existing 3 years parent and grandparent visitor visa.*
4. *The MBIE public document library has released documents related to the SMC review, but the library has no document regarding the recently done review of the Parents Resident Visa. Could you please release documents for Parent Visa review as you did for SMC. You can provide documents as a response to this OIA too.*
5. *In the old EOI, you had provided a breakdown of the Submitted EOI count and Count of EOI in the queue split by the year month format*
  - a. *However, at that time there were no withdrawals*
  - b. *Can you provide similar information again in EXCEL format?*
6. *Can you provide the total count of EOIs submitted before 15 September 2018 and still in the Queued pool? If you can give the count of persons, that will be great too.*

Your request has been considered under the Act.

With regard to Parts 1, 5 and 6 of your request, MBIE has made a decision to release this information to you under section 15(1) of the Act. The information is currently being compiled by Immigration New Zealand, and will be provided as soon as it is available.

Please find the document requested in Part 2 of this request attached to this response letter as **Appendix One**. Please note that we have withheld some information from this letter under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.

The documents in scope of Parts 3 and 4 of your request are currently being prepared for proactive release. We must therefore refuse these parts of your request under section 18(d) of the Act. However, in the interests of transparency, please find below a list of papers in scope of your request that MBIE will make available on our website:

Document type	Title
Briefing	2122-4075 Options for updating and reopening the Parent Category Resident Visa
Briefing	2223-0389 Draft Cabinet Paper for consultation – Updating and reopening the Parent Category Resident Visa
Briefing	2223-0459 Parent Category – options for Green List sponsors and implementation
Briefing	2223-0788 Final Cabinet paper – Options for updating and reopening the Parent Category Resident Visa
Cabinet paper	Options for updating and reopening the Parent Category Resident Visa
Cabinet minute	CAB-22-MIN-0421

I trust you find the information helpful. 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.

Yours sincerely



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