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Tēnā koe Kirtika

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

- 1. What date applications are currently (Date you reply this request) being allocated to an Immigration Officer?*
- 2. How many applications (daily numbers if possible or weekly will be fine) were received between July 2023 and 30 August 2023.*

On 25 September 2023, we emailed you seeking to clarify the visa category you were referring to in your request. On the same date, you confirmed that you were referring to the Partner of a New Zealander Resident Visa category.

Our Response

Question 1: What date applications are currently (Date you reply this request) being allocated to an Immigration Officer?

As at 19 October 2023, the most recent *Partner of an Expatriate Resident Visa* application allocated to an immigration officer for assessment was submitted on 30 June 2023, and the most recent *Partner of a New Zealand Citizen or Resident Visa* application allocated to an immigration officer for assessment was submitted on 16 June 2023.

Question 2: How many applications (daily numbers if possible or weekly will be fine) were received between July 2023 and 30 August 2023.

Please refer to the appendix attached to this letter for the information requested. Please note that the data is for the period between 1 July 2023 and 31 August 2023.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz

Nāku noa, nā

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

Jock Gilray
Director Visa
Chief Operating Officer Immigration Branch
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Appendix

Number of *Partner of a New Zealander Resident Visa* category applications submitted between 1 July 2023 to 31 August 2023, broken down by subcategory and submission date, as at 30 September 2023

Date applications submitted	Partner of a New Zealander Resident Visa Categories		
	Partner of an Expatriate	Partner of a New Zealand Citizen or Resident	Daily total
1-Jul-23	0	11	11
2-Jul-23	0	11	11
3-Jul-23	0	27	27
4-Jul-23	4	21	25
5-Jul-23	3	32	35
6-Jul-23	1	25	26
7-Jul-23	3	18	21
8-Jul-23	1	11	12
10-Jul-23	3	46	49
11-Jul-23	3	23	26
12-Jul-23	4	32	36
13-Jul-23	2	28	30
14-Jul-23	1	16	17
15-Jul-23	0	12	12
16-Jul-23	3	21	24
17-Jul-23	2	22	24
18-Jul-23	2	31	33
19-Jul-23	2	19	21
20-Jul-23	3	31	34
21-Jul-23	3	21	24
22-Jul-23	0	11	11
23-Jul-23	1	9	10
24-Jul-23	4	23	27
25-Jul-23	6	24	30
26-Jul-23	4	32	36
27-Jul-23	4	31	35
28-Jul-23	0	23	23
29-Jul-23	2	12	14
30-Jul-23	0	13	13
31-Jul-23	8	23	31
1-Aug-23	4	32	36
2-Aug-23	3	27	30
3-Aug-23	0	19	19
4-Aug-23	1	25	26
5-Aug-23	1	16	17
6-Aug-23	0	10	10

	Partner of a New Zealander Resident Visa Categories		
Date applications submitted	Partner of an Expatriate	Partner of a New Zealand Citizen or Resident	Daily total
7-Aug-23	2	18	20
8-Aug-23	4	24	28
9-Aug-23	3	35	38
10-Aug-23	2	28	30
11-Aug-23	1	24	27
12-Aug-23	2	17	19
13-Aug-23	1	13	14
14-Aug-23	5	21	26
15-Aug-23	0	30	30
16-Aug-23	4	25	29
17-Aug-23	9	29	38
18-Aug-23	2	19	21
19-Aug-23	0	17	17
20-Aug-23	0	19	19
21-Aug-23	4	23	27
22-Aug-23	2	24	26
23-Aug-23	3	33	36
24-Aug-23	6	26	32
25-Aug-23	3	16	19
26-Aug-23	0	19	19
27-Aug-23	0	19	19
28-Aug-23	1	28	29
29-Aug-23	4	26	30
30-Aug-23	4	21	25
31-Aug-23	3	21	24
Total	143	1,363	1,506