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Tēnā koe Vanessa

Thank you for your email of 4 December 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Please advise the number of RV2021 applications still being processed as at 4 December 2023 and the number of immigration officers allocated to these applications.

Our Response

As at 4 December 2023, there were 772 2021 Resident Visa applications in progress. This includes allocated and non-allocated applications. As at 4 December 2023, there were six immigration officers allocated to processing the remaining 2021 Resident Visa applications. Staff resourcing has been modified in response to reduction in the volume of these visa applications. This category is no longer open for submission and on-hand applications are allocated to experienced immigration officers.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> 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

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