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Tēnā koe Ranju,

Thank you for your email of 21 December 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

1. *Could you please advise how many applications for Talent (Accredited Employer) Residence visa are lodged in last six months?*
 - a. *Is there any priority and non-priority queue classified on this category? If yes, what's the criteria for this?*
2. *What is the average wait time for an application to be allocated to an Immigration Officer under this category, also please advise latest unallocated application received to date?*
3. *What is the average processing time (in days) for this visa application once it has been allocated to an IO?*
4. *Please advise the total approved application on last six month on a table on a monthly basis and their lodged dates.*

Our Response

Question 1: Could you please advise how many applications for Talent (Accredited Employer) Residence visa are lodged in last six months?

As at 24 January 2024, there were 24 applications for Talent (Accredited Employer) Resident Visa applications lodged between 24 July 2023 and 24 January 2024.

Question 1.a: Is there any priority and non-priority queue classified on this category? If yes, what's the criteria for this?

Criteria for prioritisation are determined by immigration instruction A16.1, with applications generally being processed in lodgement date order.

Immigration instruction A16.1 is publicly available on the Immigration New Zealand website:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/opsmanual/#44854.htm>

Question 2: What is the average wait time for an application to be allocated to an Immigration Officer under this category, also please advise latest unallocated application received to date?

As at 24 January 2024, the average time for a Talent (Accredited Employer) Resident Visa application to be allocated to an immigration officer is 16 weekdays.

As at 24 January 2024, there are no applications unallocated.

Question 3: What is the average processing time (in days) for this visa application once it has been allocated to an IO?

As at 24 January 2024, the average processing time for a Talent (Accredited Employer) Resident Visa application after allocation to an immigration officer is 22 weekdays.

Question 4: Please advise the total approved application on last six month on a table on a monthly basis and their lodged dates.

Please refer to the table below for the number of approved Talent (Accredited Employer) Resident Visa applications in the last six months, broken down by month approved and submitted date, as at 24 January 2024.

Month Approved	Submitted Date	Total
July 2023	1 February 2022	1
	22 November 2021	1
August 2023	6 October 2021	1
	8 February 2022	1
	15 March 2022	1
	16 February 2022	1
	17 Jan 2022	1
	17 May 2022	1
	21 December 2021	1
	22 April 2022	1
	22 May 2023	1
	26 April 2023	1
September 2023	16 November 2021	1
October 2023	4 October 2023	1
November 2023	1 March 2022	1
	6 November 2023	1
	18 July 2023	1
	20 September 2022	1
	21 June 2023	1
	22 December 2022	1
	22 October 2020	1
	27 October 2020	1
December 2023	1 March 2023	1
	13 November 2023	1
	23 August 2023	1
	30 October 2023	1
January 2024	15 November 2023	1
Total		27

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 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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clifford', written in a cursive style.

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