



8 March 2024

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Tēnā koe Prathmesh

Thank you for your email of 24 January 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

- 1. Please advise the number of STR applications still being processed as of 24 January 2024?*
- 2. What is the number of immigration officers allocated to STR applications?*
- 3. How many applications are waiting for third-party check outcomes in str?*
- 4. the oldest application waiting for third-party check in str?*

On 22 February 2024, we wrote to you advising that MBIE had extended the period of time available to make a decision on your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations were necessary to make a decision and a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original time limit. We also advised that we would notify you of a decision no later than 8 March 2024.

Our Response

Question 1

As at 24 January 2024, the number of Straight to Residence (STR) applications still being processed was 960.

Question 2

As at 5 March 2024, 24 immigration officers are assigned to process STR applications.

Question 3

As at 5 March 2024, 269 applications are awaiting third-party checks to be completed.

Question 4

As at 8 March 2024, the oldest application waiting for a third-party check to be completed was submitted on 30 October 2022.

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, 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.

Sarah Clifford
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