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Tēnā koe Matthew,

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Specifically, I am interested in understanding the diversity of the applicant pool and would appreciate if Immigration New Zealand could provide detailed information on the following points for each submission month from January 2023 to January 2024:

- 1. The top five nationalities of principal applicants for the Parent Resident Visa.*
- 2. The number of applications submitted by applicants from each of these top five nationalities for each month.*
- 3. The number of applications that are still in progress, by applicants from each of these top five nationalities for each month.*

Our Response

Question 1: please find the information requested in table 1 below.

Table 1: Top 5 nationalities of principal applicants for Parent Resident Visa applications submitted between 1 January 2023 to 31 January 2024. Data is as at 20 February 2024.

Rank	Nationality	Total Submitted
1	China	1,457
2	India	514
3	Great Britain	203
4	Fiji	191
5	South Africa	142
Total		2,507



Question 2: please find the information requested in table 2 below.

Table 2: The number of Parent Resident Visa applications submitted by applicants from each of the top five nationalities for each month between 1 January 2023 to 31 January 2024. Data is as at 20 February 2024.

Month	Nationality					Total
	China	Fiji	Great Britain	India	South Africa	
Jan-23	12	1	2	4	0	19
Feb-23	23	6	1	5	2	37
Mar-23	68	11	1	12	4	96
Apr-23	106	18	6	19	1	150
May-23	107	19	15	36	5	182
Jun-23	118	20	16	53	6	213
Jul-23	80	15	12	34	2	143
Aug-23	51	11	12	26	7	107
Sep-23	123	14	10	52	3	202
Oct-23	110	16	15	44	6	191
Nov-23	194	20	23	57	33	327
Dec-23	264	29	46	85	37	461
Jan-24	201	11	44	87	36	379
Total	1,457	191	203	514	142	2,507

Question 3: please find the information requested in table 3 below.

Table 3: The number of Parent Resident Visa applications that are still in progress from each of the top five nationalities for each month between 1 January 2023 to 31 January 2024, broken down by month submitted. Data is as at 20 February 2024.

Month	Nationality					Total
	China	Fiji	Great Britain	India	South Africa	
Feb-23	3	0	0	0	0	3
Mar-23	6	0	0	1	0	7
Apr-23	24	2	0	2	0	28
May-23	15	4	0	5	0	24
Jun-23	31	3	4	16	0	54
Jul-23	33	8	1	11	1	54
Aug-23	15	4	5	9	3	36
Sep-23	53	8	7	31	2	101
Oct-23	93	6	7	35	3	144
Nov-23	185	16	19	46	23	289
Dec-23	253	27	43	82	35	440
Jan-24	196	10	44	82	36	368
Total	907	88	130	320	103	1,548

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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 read 'Jock Gilray', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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