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### OIA request 23/24 0213 Request for citizenship processing timeframes.

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 26 September 2023.

You requested –

1. *What is the oldest unassigned application waiting to be assessed by the Submitted date and Workstream?*
2. *Also what is the status of the Applications submitted in October 2022?*
3. *Also what is their timeline for approval*

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

#### Question one

Please refer to the table below for the oldest unassigned citizenship by grant application waiting to be assessed in each workstream as of 10 October 2023.

<b>Workstream 1</b>	26 July 2022
<b>Workstream 2</b>	9 August 2022
<b>Workstream 3</b>	7 January 2023
<b>Workstream 4</b>	20 February 2023
<b>Workstream 5</b>	20 December 2022
<b>Workstream 6</b>	15 December 2022

#### Questions two and three

I must refuse this portion of your request pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act. This is because the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

The information you have requested can be found on the following websites –

- Status of applications – <https://catalogue.data.govt.nz/dataset/status-of-citizenship-by-grant-applications-by-date-received-at-dia/resource/712409ae-d154-4ac9-a511-75627d4a9eb0>.
- Citizenship timeframes – <https://www.govt.nz/browse/passports-citizenship-and-identity/nz-citizenship/how-to-apply-for-nz-citizenship/application-timeframes/>.

Both the above pages are updated at the beginning of each month.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on its website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2>.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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