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Tēnā koe Nessy-Rose

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following:

I hereby request the following information from INZ for the Parent residence category (last 6 months):

- 1. The total number of medical waivers submitted for consideration.*
- 2. The number and percentage of these medical waivers that were approved.*
- 3. The number and percentage of these medical waivers that were declined.*

On 3 May 2024, we asked you to clarify whether you were requesting data relating to the current parent category instructions only, or if you also wanted us to include the applications submitted under the previous criteria pre-October 2019.

On the same day, you responded with the following:

Please provide for both categories, differentiating between them.

Our Response

Between 30 October 2023 and 29 April 2024, there are 30 applications under the **current** Parent Category criteria that have had medical waivers submitted for consideration. Of these, 19 (63.3 per cent) applications have had their medical waivers approved, four (13.3 per cent) have had their medical waivers declined, and seven (23.3 per cent) are in-progress.

Between 30 October 2023 and 29 April 2024, there is one application under the **previous** Parent Category criteria that had a medical waiver submitted for consideration. This medical waiver was declined.

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

Jock Gilray
Director Visa
Immigration New Zealand
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment