

19 September 2023

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Our ref: OIA 106982

Tēnā koe Section 9(2)(a)

Official Information Act request: Immigration and Protection Tribunal

Thank you for your email of 23 August 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding statistics about Entrepreneur Resident Visa Holders. Specifically, you requested:

How many Entrepreneur Visa holders have come before the Immigration Prosecution Tribunal?

How many Entrepreneur Resident Visa Holders have come before the Immigration Prosecution Tribunal?

Of those, how many non residents were deported and how many residents were deported?

Can you also give us a breakdown of the following for the past five years, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

How many resident visa holders have come before the tribunal?

Of those how many have been deported? i.e what is the prosecution rate?

How many non resident visa holders have come before the tribunal?

Of those how many have been deported? i.e what is the prosecution rate?

On the 31 August and 11 September 2023, the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) contacted you to advise that we had interpreted your request to be regarding the Immigration & Protection Tribunal (the Tribunal), and we asked you to clarify your request. In these emails, we also provided you with some information explaining the function and the purpose of this Tribunal. We did not receive a response from you to these emails.

Further, we advised that section 12(2) of the Act requires that the information sought must be “specified with due particularity”, which means the Ministry must be reasonably able to identify what information is being requested by you. With your current request, we are unable to identify the information that you are requesting and therefore, we are refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held.

The Ministry invites you to make another, more specific and targeted request in lines with our email of 31 August 2023 to: OIA@justice.govt.nz.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louise Ainsley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Louise Ainsley
Manager, Ministerial Relations and Services