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Privacy of natural persons

File No: DOIA 2122-0044

Dear Privacy of  
natural persons

Thank you for your email of 5 July 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"I am writing to kindly seek the breakdown of approvals of Other Critical Worker ("OCW") Border Exemption Requests to date by occupations and their associated industries."*

#### **Our response**

Please find below a table which breaks down the total number of border exceptions approved for 'other critical workers' and the industries they are associated with from 19 March 2020 to 14 July 2021. This includes 'other essential worker' requests prior to 18 June 2020.

For the avoidance of doubt, a single request can include multiple workers and/or family members.

Please note that any figures under five have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons.

<b>Industry</b>	<b>Total</b>
Manufacturing	253
Film/Television	200
Research & Development	180
Sport/Recreation	139
Education	129
Construction	127
Government	113
Primary - Agriculture	102
Energy	95
Primary - Fisheries	95
ICT/Digital	93
Services	86
Entertainment/Arts	85
Infrastructure	73
Oil & Gas	66
Primary - Veterinarians	66

Primary - Food Processing	54
Transport	54
Healthcare	44
Advisory/Consulting	40
Marine	34
Finance	20
Tourism/Hospitality	20
Import/Export	18
Retail	18
Primary	15
Primary - Horticulture	14
Primary - Mining	9
Primary - Forestry	6
Shipping	<=5

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.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact [INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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