



19 January 2018

S 9(2)(a)

File No: DOIA 1718-0763

Dear S 9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 1 December 2017 requesting the following information from Immigration New Zealand ("INZ"):

- *I need Immigration NZ to provide me with data – specifically:*
 - *The number of fraud cases brought to INZ each year from 2012 to 2017 to date*
 - *The number of the fraud cases INZ investigated each of those years*
 - *The number of prosecutions that were made in relation to those investigated for fraud by INZ each of those years*
 - *The number of fraud cases that were left untouched by INZ each year from 2012 to 2017*
 - *Additionally, the number of full-time staff INZ has had each year from 2012 to 2017 overseeing fraud cases brought to its attention over that time period.*

Our response

The table below shows figures for the first three bullet points above (where information is available)

Year	Allegations Received	Triage – Unable to proceed*	Accepted for investigation	Prosecutions completed	Other outcome	Cases Closed**	Investigations in progress
2011/12	1,661	839	822	28	-	-	-
2012/13	1,663	814	849	22	75	774	0
2013/14	1,844	922	922	19	68	835	0
2014/15	1,564	708	856	21	100	588	147
2015/16	1,600	720	880	33	99	589	159
2016/17	2,617	1254	1363	22	393	760	188

**Triage – unable to proceed* can include allegations that are anonymous, incorrect, referred to another agency or provided insufficient information to action.

***Cases closed* includes investigations that cannot proceed for a variety of reasons including: complicit witnesses, evidential insufficiency, lack of investigative resource/reprioritisation.

In regards to your query, 'the number of fraud cases that were left untouched by INZ each year from 2012 to 2017', no cases were left untouched. However, not all cases were accepted for investigation and of those accepted not all were prosecuted. Where an allegation of criminal offending against the Immigration Act is proven, INZ may seek to prosecute the offender or it may be that a better and more pragmatic outcome can be achieved by other activity such as initiating deportation proceedings.

The INZ full-time staff figures provided below includes both compliance and investigation functions:

Year	Staff Numbers
As at June 2012	44
As at June 2013	41
As at June 2014	36
As at June 2015	47
As at June 2016	57
As at June 2017	64

The numbers in the above table reflect the number of FTE's employed at a specific point in time.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact [REDACTED] S 9(2)(a)
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Yours sincerely

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