



3 July 2023



Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 1 June 2023. You requested:

- 1. The number of new IRD accounts created between the period August 2022 and May 2023, which are linked to people on accredited employer work visas.*
- 2. I'd also like to request how many of these accounts have been ever made an IRD contribution.*
- 3. Lastly, I'd like to know if IRD is in discussions with Immigration New Zealand about migrant workers on accredited employer work visas who may not be making IRD contributions for a variety of reasons, and whether any investigations have been launched relating to these concerns.*

On 9 June 2023, you clarified the definition of contribution and investigation in your request to: *by contribution I'm referring to income tax, and by investigations I'm interested in both INZ and IR investigations.*

Questions 1 and 2

Inland Revenue is not required to record which type of visa individual taxpayers hold. Therefore, Inland Revenue does not have a record of which new Inland Revenue accounts are linked to individuals holding Accredited Employer Work Visas (AEWVs).

As Inland Revenue cannot determine how many individuals holding an AEVW have or have not paid income tax, questions 1 and 2 of your request are refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Inland Revenue and we do not believe it is held by another agency.

The table below details the number of new Inland Revenue accounts created, per month, from 1 August 2022 to 31 May 2023. This information is provided as it may be of assistance.

Month 2022/23	Number of processed registrations for a new IRD number
Aug 2022	22,164
Sept 2022	22,609
Oct 2022	25,045
Nov 2022	28,147
Dec 2022	23,947
Jan 2023	23,056
Feb 2023	28,532
March 2023	40,090
April 2023	29,338
May 2023	36,698
Total registrations	279,626

Question 3

Inland Revenue is not in discussions with Immigration New Zealand about AEWVs holders who may not be making income tax contributions. Inland Revenue has not launched any investigations in relation to AEWVs holders' income tax contributions.

Rights of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman via email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman for a review.

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Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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