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Department of Labour

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Office of Darien Fenton

File No: 12/05647

Dear

I refer to your request dated 9 October 2012 under the Official Information Act (OIA).

The information you have requested, and our responses are as follows:

- 1. The number of people who are employed in the team of investigators dedicated to investigating and, where appropriate, prosecuting people for immigration fraud as stated on the Immigration New Zealand website.*
- 2. The number of people who are employed by Immigration New Zealand to deal with complaints about immigration fraud.*

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) has a branch dedicated to dealing with complaints about immigration fraud, investigating and where appropriate prosecuting for immigration fraud under the Immigration Act 2009. The staff composition of this branch is tabled below:

INZ Fraud branch staff composition	
Branch manager	1
Immigration Manager	2
Technical Advisor	2
Fraud Investigators	10
Enquiry Officers	5
Privacy Officer	1
Administration Support Officer	1
Total	22

3. *The number of compliance visits by Immigration New Zealand to employers who employ migrant workers to ensure employers are meeting immigration obligations in the horticulture and viticulture industries in each of the last three years.*

The data you requested is tabled below by financial year:

Number of Compliance site visits in the horticulture/viticulture industries	
2009/2010	484
2010/2011	271
2011/2012	251

4. *The number of compliance visits by Immigration New Zealand to employers who employ migrant workers to ensure employers are meeting immigration obligations in the export education sector in each of the last three years.*

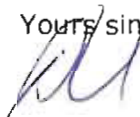
INZ does not specifically capture statistics in a reportable format for Compliance site visits to employers where students are working. This information is therefore refused in reliance on section 18(f) of the Official Information Act - that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. In accordance with section 18A I have considered whether fixing a charge under section 15, or extending the time limit under section 15A would enable your request to be granted, but in my view it would not.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our refusal to provide the information requested in paragraph 4 by the Ombudsmen, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

If you require any further assistance or to discuss this response further, please

Yours sincerely



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