



Privacy of natural persons

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File No: DOIA 2122-0046

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 making this official information request for the demographic information about the people of Nepali origin living in New Zealand, including the following:

- total number*
- regional distribution*

The 2018 Stats NZ identifies 3,630 population for the Nepalese ethnic group. While we would not know the parameters Stats NZ employ in the census, this number seems very conservative.

For my request, it would be helpful if you could include the following parameters in your search of your database.

- 1. number of people entered from NZ border with Nepali passport*
- 2. number of people in student visa with Nepali passport*
- 3. number of temporary visa holders (visitors, work visa, etc) with Nepali passport*
- 4. number of people on permanent residency*
- 5. population who entered with Nepali passport but now adopted NZ citizenship*
- 6. population who are born in NZ to parents who entered NZ in Nepali passport*

Our response

Question 1:

The earliest date recorded in the Immigration system for Nepalese arrivals in New Zealand is 1988. The total number of people who arrived in New Zealand on a Nepalese passport as at 20 July 2021 is 16,706.

Question 2:

There are a total of 649 student visa holders onshore as at 17 July 2021 who hold a Nepalese passport.

Question 3:



There are a total of 3,836 temporary visa holders onshore as at 17 July 2021 who hold a Nepalese passport.

Question 4:

There are a total of 954 permanent residency visa holders onshore as at 17 July 2021 who hold a Nepalese passport.

Questions 5 and 6:

Questions 5 and 6 of your request has been formally transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs who will provide you a respond in due course.

Statistics New Zealand also have information about the number of people who identify with the Nepalese ethnic group in its 2018 census. This can be found on:

<https://www.stats.govt.nz/tools/2018-census-ethnic-group-summaries/nepalese>

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact INZOIAa@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N Hogg', is positioned above the typed name.

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