



11 July 2023

Ref: DOIA 2223-2782

A KS

[fyi-request-22949-4e4bb564@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-22949-4e4bb564@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe A KS

Thank you for your email of 29 May 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Please refer to this request from last year.*

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffyi.org.nz%2Frequest%2F20849%2Fresponse%2F79342%2Fattach%2F4%2FDOIA%25202223%25200774%2520A%2520KS%2520Response%2520Letter.pdf&data=05%7C01%7CMinisterialServices%40mbie.govt.nz%7C6d0d8c390cc84bca73ee08db601b49b6%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C638209444274176292%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Iik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=i1%2BBvMmKbkqRBThGDC1XNN2YDqsUvWRqjTC2XopLumc%3D&reserved=0>

*In the above response you'd mentioned the following*

*The documents in scope of Parts 3 and 4 of your request are currently being prepared for proactive release. We must therefore refuse these parts of your request under section 18(d) of the Act. However, in the interests of transparency, please find below a list of papers in scope of your request that MBIE will make available on our website:*

*However, I have checked the MBIE document library and I can only find Parent category documents from 2019 and nothing from 2022.*

*Could you check if the documents mentioned in the above OIA response were released and can you point to the right URL links or can attach them in the response of this OIA request.*

*In addition to the 6 documents mentioned in the above response, please provide the following 3 documents too*

2223-1510      *Proactive Release: Parent Category Cabinet paper and briefings 2 November*

2223-1692      *Parent Resident Visa Category 10 November*

2223-1510      *Proactive release – Parent Category Cabinet paper and briefings 23 November*

*I have taken this list from the following website*

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mbie.govt.nz%2Fabout%2Fopen-government-and-official-information%2Flists-of-ministerial-documents-by-portfolio%2Fimmigration%2Fimmigration->

[2022%2F&data=05%7C01%7CMinisterialServices%40mbie.govt.nz%7C6d0d8c390cc84bca73ee08db601b49b6%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C638209444274176292%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C&sdata=RF3fkdVsWGGLrU2BeupomSEMnSSxYEHMsG6rIP%2Bgf4c%3D&reserved=0](https://www.mbie.govt.nz/6d0d8c390cc84bca73ee08db601b49b6%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C638209444274176292%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C&sdata=RF3fkdVsWGGLrU2BeupomSEMnSSxYEHMsG6rIP%2Bgf4c%3D&reserved=0)

The six documents you previously requested have been prepared for proactive release, and we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act. We expect they will be made available by 14 July 2023 and will send you an email with relevant links once they are available. We apologise for the delay in the release of these documents.

I am providing you with the remaining two documents you have requested, Briefing 2223-1510 and 2223-1692.

Please note some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;
- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials;
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty;

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

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

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.

Nāku noa, nā



Lee Gerrard

**Acting Manager, Immigration (Skills and Residence) Policy**  
Labour, Science, and Enterprise