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Tēnā koe Saska

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Any discussion documents between 1995 - 2002 that speak about the access to services and rights given to refugee claimants whilst they are in the process of claiming refugee status.

On 15 September 2023, we advised you that we were extending the time available to answer your request as it necessitated a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations.

Our Response

We have searched through archived paper files and emails from 1995 to 2002 to find any information that may be relevant to your request, however, we have not located any discussion documents that speak about the access to services or rights of refugee claimants or asylum seekers whilst in the process of claiming refugee status. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. In accordance with section 18(B) of the Act, I have considered whether consulting with you would remove the reason for refusal, however, in my view it would not.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Nāku noa, nā

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