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DOIA 2324-1215

Tēnā koe Jake

Thank you for your email of 27 November 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

I am writing to you under the provisions of the Official Information Act to request any and all written communications making reference to 'Israel,' 'Gaza,' and 'West Bank'

Specifically, I am interested in documents dated between the 7th of October and the 24th of November.

On 30 November 2023, you clarified your request to relate to Immigration New Zealand only.

On 8 December 2023, we emailed you to further narrow down the scope of your request as we advised that it encompassed a large amount of material consisting of 175,103 emails. We did not receive a response from you.

Our Response

We are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation. Determining which of the 175,103 emails are in scope of the request would require MBIE staff to manually check each email and would remove Ministry staff from their core duties, and therefore the greater public interest would not be served.

In accordance with section 18A of the Act, I have considered whether fixing a charge under section 15, or extending the time limit under section 15A, would enable the request to be granted but it is my view it would not.

In accordance with section 18B of the Act, we consulted with you in an attempt to remove the reason for refusal; however, as stated above, you did not respond.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catriona Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Catriona Robinson
Associate Deputy Secretary Immigration
Immigration New Zealand