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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your email of 27 February 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

*I would like to request the all materials about INZ's evaluation for the impact of 2021 resident visa, such as this visa's benefits, costs, rationales and any negative impacts.*

### **Our Response**

The 2021 Resident Visa (2021 RV) is a one-off pathway launched on 1 December 2021 to provide certainty for migrant families that faced disruption because of COVID-19, and to help retain the skills New Zealand businesses need to support New Zealand's economic recovery. The Visa application process was designed to be simple, streamlined and easy for individuals

Please find attached the documentation relevant to your request. Please note some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 6(a), as making the information available would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;
- Section 6(c), as making the information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

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.



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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z Alach', with a stylized, cursive script.

Zhivan Alach

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