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Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*“Please provide the Immigration internal assessment templates, training materials and assessment procedure regarding Parent Retirement Category applications.”*

### **Our Response**

Please refer to the following attached appendices for the information requested relating to the Parent Retirement Category:

- **Appendix one** – Parent Retirement Category assessment templates, flowchart, and guidelines
  - Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
  - Some information has been withheld under section 6(c) of the Act to prevent prejudice in the maintenance of the law
- **Appendix two** – overview of the Parent Retirement Category
- **Appendix three** – Parent Retirement Category assessment guide

Where section 9 applies, I have considered whether the need to withhold that information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, however it is my opinion that it is 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](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

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