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Dear J Donovan,

I refer to your request(s) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) received on 27 May 2019 requesting the following information from Immigration New Zealand (INZ):

- *I'm looking to inquire any information around Tyler the Creator's ban from New Zealand in 2014, and any review that has taken place since the ban was taken place*

Our Response

Tyler Okonma was denied permission to travel to New Zealand in 2014. Certain people are excluded under the Immigration Act 2009 from being able to be granted a visa or entry permission to New Zealand. He was deemed to be a likely threat to public order and the public interest for several reasons, including incidents at past performances in which violence was incited.

Tyler Okonma was not banned permanently from coming to New Zealand – the decision was made based on his circumstances at the time. No review of the decision to deny Tyler Okonma permission to travel to New Zealand in 2014 has taken place. Tyler Okonma is able to apply for another visa to travel to New Zealand at any time. Any application would then be assessed against the requirements of the Immigration Act 2009 and any relevant immigration requirements.

Information released in 2014 around INZ's decision to deny Tyler Okonma and other members of his group, Odd Future permission to travel to New Zealand, has previously been released in response to a request for advice on the refusal of entry to Odd Future under the OIA. It is published on the fyi.org website. You can access that information here:

<https://fyi.org.nz/request/1460/response/5829/attach/2/OIA%202014%2003%2000578%20Alex%20Harris%20Signed%20Response%20pt%201%2030.04.14.pdf>

You will note from the cover letter responding to that request that some information was withheld in reliance of various grounds under the OIA. We have considered whether those grounds still apply to the information in scope of your request and have determined that they do.

In addition to the information noted above the following information has been identified as falling within the scope of your request:

1. Appendix 1 – Press request
2. Appendix 2 – Media response for approval