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Dear M Stephens

Thank you for your letter of 19 August 2013 concerning your request for information, under the Official Information Act, relating to New Zealand's Refugee Resettlement Quota.

Copies of documents relevant to your request are enclosed. Some portions of the documents have been withheld. In such cases, the sections of Act under which the information has been withheld have been noted in the margins of the documents.

The grounds for withholding the information include Section 6, that:

- making available that information would be likely—
    - (a) to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;
    - (b) to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by—
      - (i) the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government;
- or
- (ii) by any international organisation.

And Section 9(2), that:

- withholding of the information is necessary to—
  - (a) protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons; and
  - (g) maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through—
    - (i) the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty; or
  - (j) enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Some of the information covered by your request has recently been released to you by the Minister of Immigration. That material has not been duplicated in the attached. In addition, some material has been omitted as it is not within the scope of your OIA request.

Under Section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review the withholding of information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Kell', written in a cursive style.

Peter Kell  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade