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Dear A KS

I refer to your information request received by my office on 26 August 2019 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1:- Firstly, could you please tell what is the planned/ tentative date/month when the information will be/expected to be presented to the cabinet for final approval.
- 2: Secondly, would you like to provide any other update on status/progress on this visa category issue?
- 3:- Thirdly, would you like to provide any other update related to any changes for parents and grandparents long term visitor visa?

Following consideration by Cabinet in late September, I announced on Monday (7 October) that the Parent Category would re-open from February 2020 with a cap of 1,000 per annum and changed eligibility criteria. A link to the media release is here:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/parent-support-help-retain-skilled-migrants>

There is no proposal to change the settings for the Parent and Grandparent Multiple Entry Visitor Visa at this time therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist. .

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review any decision to withhold material from the released information. The relevant contact details are as follows:

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Yours sincerely

Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
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