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Dear John Luke

Thank you for your email of 7 October 2019 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I would like to know if there are any MBIE/Immigration NZ's staff members (excluded visa officer, e.g. Beijing Immigration office) are based in China. I understand from the news there are one person who is based in China named Tom Hu in the past. Has he been replaced and what is his role's job description.

The Ministry currently has 184 staff based in Beijing, China. Of those staff, 120 are Immigration Officers, 60 are in other Immigration roles and four individuals are in roles outside Immigration, in policy or corporate roles.

Tom Hu was in the role of Investment Market Manager (China) based in Shanghai until February 2019 and he has not been replaced. Attached is the position description that applied to all Investment Market Managers in offshore locations, at the time Mr Hu was employed in this role.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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