



19 February 2020 Mr Samuel Mills fyi-request-11560-6dfbe6fc@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: DOIA 1920-0704

Dear Mr Mills

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 received on 30 October 2019 requesting the following:

Can I please be provided with any internal or external documents from/within Immigration New Zealand related to Conrad Property specifically in relation to the Investor Category.

Further can I please have any internal/external documents held by Immigration New Zealand regarding onshore guarantee for offshore loan arrangements originating from China.

Our response

Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with this response.

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) contacted you to clarify the first part of your request but no response was received.

All the information held by INZ on Conrad Property Group is publically available on their website - <u>conradproperties.com</u> and therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) because the information requested is publicly available.

For the second part of your request we have had one provider approach us in 2015 looking to undertake this type of arrangement.

All information on this arrangement has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(i) as it would disclose a trade secret and section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of a natural person.

I have considered whether public interest would override the decision to withhold the above information, however I have concluded in this instance it would not.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response/decision to withhold certain information by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Andrew Newbery, Immigration Manager, Porirua Office at Andrew.Newbery@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

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