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Dear M. Rowe

Thank you for your email of 3 December 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

> *I am looking to understand the statistics behind how a region is classified as high supply or low supply under the new changes to essential skills visas: the sources of the data used, the theoretical rationale and the process.*
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> *To this end, under the OIA, please provide:*
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> - *any final briefings, notes, memos or reports that explain the process classifying a region into high or low supply.*
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> - *documentation on the process/method/model and data sources used to classify a region as high or low supply.*
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> *For clarity, as a researcher interested in the methodology, I am not looking for correspondence, draft documents or duplicate information unless the classification process has not been documented, in which case please provide any information on the sources of data used, how they were used, and any sample spreadsheets used (without data, or with dummy data is fine).*

I have identified one report within the scope of your request, titled '*Regional Differentiation Framework*', which was prepared for the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment by Infometrics in May 2019. Please find this document enclosed.

If you are interested in further context behind the changes to temporary work visas, the Cabinet documents and supporting advice that led to these changes have been published online. You can access these at: www.mbie.govt.nz/immigration-and-tourism/immigration/release-of-immigration-information/.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my response to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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