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File No: DOIA 1920 – 1166

Dear Richard Easterher

Thank you for your email on 31 January 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

- 1) *Assessments of the delivery, outcomes and value to New Zealand of the "Global Impact Visa" scheme, including the number of visa holders who remain in New Zealand, the number of enterprises initiated and still active, and the number (if any) of visa holders denied further visas.*
- 2) *The amount of money paid to private providers and individuals for the delivery of this scheme, and their identity.*

Our response

1) *Assessments of the delivery, outcomes and value to New Zealand of the "Global Impact Visa" scheme, including the number of visa holders who remain in New Zealand, the number of enterprises initiated and still active, and the number (if any) of visa holders denied further visas.*

I can advise that part of the information you have requested has been released by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) as a report titled *Global Impact Visa Evaluation: Implementation and Early Outcomes Year 1 Report*. It is publicly available at the following page:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/5484-global-impact-visa-evaluation-implementation-and-early-outcomes>

I can also advise that the next issue, Year 2 report, will soon become available. I am therefore refusing part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA on the basis that the information you have requested will soon be publicly available.

2) *The amount of money paid to private providers and individuals for the delivery of this scheme, and their identity.*

I can advise that the Edmund Hillary Fellowship (EHF) is the only entity that has received funding from Immigration New Zealand for the delivery of the Global Impact Visa Scheme.

Information on the amounts of money paid to EHF will be contained within the Year 2 report. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA on the basis that the information you have requested will soon be publicly available.

You have the right to contest the decision to withhold information by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Chung Man Charmaine Ho, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Charmaine.Ho@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Hogg'.

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