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John Luke
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Dear John Luke

I refer to your email received by my office on 29 April 2020, in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

All Official Information Act requests received by the Office of Minister of Immigration Hon. Iain Lees-Galloway in the 2019 calendar year.

May I please request that that list preferably be presented in a table, and answer the following;

- i) The date the request was received,*
- ii) What the request or question was,*
- iii) If the request was accepted or rejected,*
- iv) If rejected, on what grounds was it rejected,*
- v) or if accepted, the date on which the request was fulfilled.*

I do not require any information regarding the requestees, and understand that some requests may have elements of them redacted in order to protect the privacy of the requestee or other persons.

Attached is an extract from my office's official information request spreadsheet. I have provided the information in this manner in reliance on s16(2)(a) of the Act. This extract covers off the majority of your information requests above.

Please note the following:

- My reply to requests i, ii and v are set out in the attached table;
- With regard to request ii, you will appreciate that the specific details of each official information request are complex and the release of this information may be sensitive to requestors. Some requests covered multiple portfolios, not just Immigration. I am declining to provide the specific detail of each request under section 18(f) of the Act because it would require substantial collation and research;
- I partially decline your requests iii and iv under section 18(f) of the Act due to substantial research and collation. The attached table shows when my response to each request was made (or in some cases, transferred to another Minister's Office or agency). While I am not providing you with a full accounting of what redactions were made to each request, it would be very unusual to not redact at least some information (such as personal details), and unusual to fully refuse a request.

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

Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10152
WELLINGTON 6143
Ph 0800 802 602
www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Iain Lees-Galloway', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Minister of Immigration