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Mr Kevin Smith

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Ref: DOIA 1920-1739

Dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for your email on 11 June 2020 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

*New Zealand has umbrella MOAs with Migration 5 partners enabling sharing of immigration data. This allows for information sharing based on biometric and biographic data on a case-by-case basis and automated sharing using the S RTP (Secure Real-time Platform) based only on fingerprints.*

*The Privacy Impact Assessment published by the Ministry in May 2016 mentions "FCC data sharing initiatives will continue to progress and will likely extend further than sharing fingerprint biometrics."*

*Are there, or have there ever been, plans for sharing data for immigration purposes with Migration 5 partners on an automated/systematic way using only biographic data, such as names, DOBs etc? Please provide details with related documents and correspondence*

This letter is to notify you that the Ministry will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 20 August 2020.

The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

A response will be provided to you sooner if we are able to.

Yours sincerely,

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