



20 August 2020

Mr Kevin Smith

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Ref: DOIA 1920-1739

Dear Mr Smith,

I refer to your request email of 11 June 2020 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"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 advise you the Ministry decided to grant your request in part. However, it will take us some time to prepare this information for release. We will send you that information by 30 September 2020. We have also decided to provide you excerpts of relevant documents under section 16(1)(e) of the Act. Please note that some information in the information that we will release has been withheld under:

- Section 6(c) of the Act, as the release of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial;
- Section 6(b)(i) of the Act, as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such Government;
- Section 6(a) of the Act, as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;
- Section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); and
- Section 9(2)(k) of the Act, to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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