



2 October 2020

Stephanie Johnstone

By email: fyi-request-13676-d7a7ca90@requests.fyi.org.nz

Reference: OIA-2020/21-0139

Dear Stephanie Johnstone

Official Information Act request relating to Cabinet advice regarding children with a non-New Zealand national parent

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 5 September 2020. You requested:

“Please provide copies of all advice considered by Cabinet pertaining to the rights of and/or wellbeing considerations relating to New Zealand children who are currently indefinitely prevented from seeing one of their parents as a result of the government’s prohibition on the entry of non New Zealand citizens...”

I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 15 working days. The extension is required because further consultations are needed to make a decision on your request. Despite the extension, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Legal Services