



## Office of Hon Nathan Guy

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Joshua Grainger

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Dear Mr Grainger

I refer to your official information request dated 12 April 2012 for information under the Official Information Act (the Act), which was partially transferred to my office on 2 May 2012. The request related to:

*all papers, correspondence, emails, memos, proposals, or other information related to plans to deal with "boat people". I am interested in anything that spells out what plans have been put developed, and the background to how these plans were arrived at, including any correspondence with third party agencies, Ministers, or other government departments.*

The information you have requested is substantial in scope. I note that you have sought to refine the scope by asking for a "list of the titles/subjects of the various documents that this request covers". I have taken this narrowed request into account when making my decision. In this case, I do not consider that your narrowed request would reduce the workload required to collate the information you have requested. I have also considered whether imposing a charge or extending the time limit would enable me to provide the information.

I am, therefore, refusing your request on the basis of section 18 (f) of the Act because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you would like information on this topic, I invite you to submit a new request specified with due particularity in accordance with section 12(2) of the Act.

You have the right to contest my decision to refuse information by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsmen  
P O Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Guy." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Hon Nathan Guy  
**Minister of Immigration**