

Hon Kris Faafoi

Minister of Justice
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OIA 21-029

Dear John,

Thank you for your request of 1 March, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), for the following information:

"Dear Kris Faafoi, In the reporting of RNZ (<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/437077/skilled-migrant-residency-programme-in-need-of-review-faafoi>), it mentioned that you have provided a "written statement" talking about the review of skilled migrant programme. Therefore, I would like to request a copy of the "written statement" the media mentioned Yours faithfully, John"

In response to questions asked by Radio New Zealand, I provided the following statements:

- A review of the skilled migrant category is one of my priorities for this term. Decisions around the scope and timing of any such review are currently under consideration.
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) selections in Skilled Migrant Category (SMC) and Parent categories are currently suspended.
- No decisions about when EOI selections will resume have been made. In October, the Government decided to further defer EOI selections for the SMC. This will be reviewed again by the end of March 2021.
- No decisions on settings or planning range have been made at this stage.

I trust you will find the information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of MBIE's response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely


Hon Kris Faafoi
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