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Dear Adam,

Thank you for your request of 17 May, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), for the following information:

*"I request under the Official Information Act the following information:*

*When will the next review of the immigration categories will take place:*

- Essential Skills Work Visas*
- Entrepreneur Work Visa*
- Entrepreneur Residence Visa (including Plus)*
- Investor 2 Residence Visa*
- Investor Plus Residence Visa*
- Employees of a Relocating Business Residence*
- Global Impact Visa (Work and Residence)*

*Additional, will there be consideration on the use of settlement funds to be used towards purchasing a new build home, rather than allowing them to complete with kiwis for preexisting homes. Will the Global Impact Visa hold applicants accountable like all other categories in terms of needing to meet what they promise for business delivery and benefits, to gain residency, and will there be a requirement for them to generate at least a sustainable level of income, at least the NZ minimum wage.*

*Lastly when will INZ require investment funds and the acceptable investments to be held directly by the principal applicant (rather than through trusts or companies, domestic or foreign) so that those investments will be subject to personal New Zealand taxation. As it is them as that is a private person that is apply."*

A review of employer-assisted work visa settings, including the Essential Skills Work Visa, was concluded in September 2019 with policy decisions on the introduction of a new employer-led process for temporary work visas. The Essential Skills visa will be replaced by the Accredited Employer Work Visa from November this year. Further information on the changes can be found here:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/employ-migrants/introducing-new-accreditation-and-single-work-visa/employer-leads-visa-application-process>.

The Government is currently considering the investor visa settings to ensure they deliver the type of investment needed to support our economic and social recovery from COVID-19 and support the Investment Attraction Strategy. We will also conduct a review of the Global Impact Visa in 2022. The scope and timing of this is still to be determined but may address some of the concerns you have raised.

The Government is not currently considering a review of the Employees of a Relocating Business Residence Visa or the Entrepreneur Category.

I trust you will find this 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Hutchison". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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