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Dear Mr Wang,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 2 August 2021, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"You see, there are a lot of family that are anxious because they have no idea when government of NZ will release the new immigration policy and when they will re-open the EOI pool as well. No matter what the answers are, just release it. Then I guess plenty of family can make a certain decision based on the new policy, not just waiting, anxious, and waiting and more anxious... Please give us a certain timeframe relevant with the new immigration policy, please, please. And thanks thanks thanks."

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment cannot comment on individual circumstances. Despite this, you might be pleased to hear that we are actively working on options and advice for immigration issues, including options to re-start selections of Expressions of Interest under the Skilled Migrant Category, as well as speeding up the processing of Skilled Migrant Category applications and reducing wait times for applicants. No decisions have been made on this yet, and therefore material relating to it is being withheld under s 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional convention protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials. However, we advise you continue to monitor the the Immigration New Zealand website for updates: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/>.

We trust you will find the information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my 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

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