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Dear Joshua Grainger

Thank you for your email of 26 August 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

"I would like to request under the Official Information Act any information relating to a review or proposed review of the Immigration Profiling Branch. Such a briefing was mentioned in a briefing to the Minister of Immigration on 24/03/13.

To be specific, I would like to request all information related to any review planned or carried out between 2012 and now of the Immigration Profiling Branch (IPB), including, but not limited to:

- * terms of reference for a review*
- * any documents detailing the conclusions and/or outcomes of any review*
- * any draft terms of reference for a review*
- * any Cabinet papers or minutes relating to any review or planned review*
- * any documents that have been to a Minister for approval or advice about a review or planned review*
- * which organizations, Ministries, or Departments were involved in the review or are planned to be involved in the review? How were they involved?*

I am not at this stage interested in any operational information made during the review, just in the documents about the review itself. This is in an attempt to refine the scope of my request."

Our response

Please find attached documents relating to the review of the Immigration Profiling Branch. Information has been withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982.

- Section 6 (a) – prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or international relations of the Government of New Zealand.
- Section 6 (c) – prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.
- Section 9 (2) (a) – protect the privacy of natural persons.
- Section 9 (2) (g) (i) – maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the crown or members of an organisation or offices and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

The terms of reference released is the final version, despite being marked as draft.

The Memorandums to the Senior Leadership team marked as drafts were not finalised and were not sent to the Senior Leadership team. These documents do not represent the final views of Immigration New Zealand.

Please note that we have not included documents relating to the staff consultation and the communication plan as you advised that you are not interested in any operational information. Given that these documents are not about the review itself we consider that they are out of scope for this request. Please also note that we have not included draft versions of documents if the final version has been included in the release.

You have the right to contest the decision by seeking an investigation and review of that decision or process by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

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

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response please contact Susan Jones, Senior Business Advisor, Immigration New Zealand by email at susan.jones@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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