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Ref: OIA 0525

Dear Mr Phillips

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) dated 9 October 2014 requesting the following information:

- 1) *The number of interim APEC Business Travel Cards issued by Immigration New Zealand in each of the previous 3 years.*
- 2) *The number of final APEC Business Travel Cards issued in each of the previous 3 years.*
- 3) *The number of final APEC Business Travel Cards issued in each of the previous 3 years which were not valid for travel to all participating APEC economies (if any).*

Our response

Your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, as to identify the type and number of APEC Business Travel Cards (ABTCs) issued by Immigration New Zealand (INZ) for each of the previous three years as requested would require a manual review of each application form. In accordance with section 18A(1) of the OIA, I have considered whether fixing a charge under section 15 and/or extending the time limit under section 15A would enable your request to be granted, but it is my view that neither would do so.

However I am able to provide with you the number of all APEC Business Travel Cards (ABTCs) issued by Immigration New Zealand (INZ) in each of the previous three years as follows:

Year	Number of ABTCs issued by Immigration New Zealand
1 October 2011 – 30 September 2012	6371
1 October 2012 – 30 September 2013	8832
1 October 2013 – 30 September 2014	7627

Please note that the total number of ABTCs issued by INZ includes ABTCs that are:

- Interim (i.e. not valid for travel to all participating APEC economies); or
- Full (i.e. valid for travel to all participating APEC economies); or
- Replacements (i.e. replacing lost cards or damaged cards, replacing cards as client has a new passport).

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

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Katy MacLeod, Senior Business Advisor by email: katy.macleod@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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