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Dear Jens

Thank you for your email of 6 February 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*"I am aware from the research that you have an Immigration Reference Group (IRG)... Can you please provide the full meeting minutes for this group from Jan 2021 to now.*

*Also, the current member for this group. What is your selection criteria for relevant individual to participate within this group?"*

#### **Our Response**

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) does not take meeting minutes for Immigration Reference Group (IRG) meetings. Therefore, we must technically refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist.

However, INZ does write up key discussion points and actions following some meetings when the need arises. As this is information about the IRG meetings that we do hold, we provide these in good faith. Please find the four 'Key discussion points and actions' summaries from January 2021 to date attached in Appendix One.

For the list of current IRG members, please refer to Appendix Two. There are no membership selection criteria. Members are nominated by industry associations and INZ has the discretion to accept new members.

I hope you find this information useful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact [inzoias@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely,

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