

Hon Michael Wood

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OIA 23-630

Jens M

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Dear Jens

Thank you for your request of 6 February 2023 to my office requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"I understand that Minister of Immigration has participated in a reference group called Immigration Reference Group (IRG). May I ask are there any similar formal or informal group you or your officials have been set up? If so please provide me with the name.

Please provide copies of any communication, emails memos your office had with NZAIP and NZAMI from January 2022 to now."

By 'similar group', we interpreted your question as 'group of licensed Immigration Advisers'. In early 2021, an Investor Group was set up meeting with Immigration New Zealand officials every six weeks with the focus on the Migrant Investor visa category. Membership consists of representatives from Lane Neave Immigration, Malcolm Pacific Immigration, Pathways to New Zealand and Woburn International.

Documents identified within scope of your request regarding communications with the Immigration Industry Steering Group, New Zealand Association of Immigration Professionals and the New Zealand Association for Migration and Investment are attached to this letter. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, which have been noted in the documents. Information deemed out of scope of your request has also been excluded.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Wood".

Hon Michael Wood

Minister of Immigration