



3 May 2023

Ref: DOIA 2223-2429

John Luke

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Dear John,

Thank you for your email on 22 April 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

“Thank you for your recent reply Ref: DOIA 2223-2157

I noted “There was no call for public nomination. The Minister of Immigration received recommendations for candidates from officials based on the experience and community knowledge of a number of government agencies. There was a long list of approximately 50 potential candidates.”

Can you let me know the exact number of potential candidates you have received. Can you also let me know where exactly the recommendations come from, officials from which exact agency.”

Please see below my response to your requests:

1. *Can you let me know the exact number of potential candidates you have received.*

MBIE prepared a long list of 47 potential candidates following input from other government agencies. The ten members of the Migrant Community Reference Group were selected from this list.

2. *Can you also let me know where exactly the recommendations come from, officials from which exact agency.*

Recommendations were provided by:

- Ministry of Business innovation and Employment (MBIE) – from the Refugee and Migrant Settlement and Customer branches within Immigration New Zealand
- Ministry for Pacific Peoples (MPP)
- Ministry for Ethnic Communities (MfEC)

I trust you find this information helpful.

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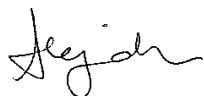
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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alejandra'.

Alejandra Mercado
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