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Ref: DOIA 2223-2750

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Dear Regan,

Thank you for your email on 25 May 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*"I seek all advice provided to the Minister of Immigration about Sudanese refugees of the current civil war."*

Please see below my response to your request.

MBIE has identified that the briefing 2223-3776 of 17 May 2023 "Update on the situation in Sudan" is in scope of your request. A copy of this document is enclosed with this response. Please note that some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- s9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- s9(2)(f)(iv) - to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials;
- s9(2)(g)(i) – to 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 officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty;

I do not consider that the withholding of any information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

I trust you find this information helpful.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

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