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Tēnā koe Saska

Thank you for your correspondence of 20 August 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

- 1. Any discussion documents between 1995 - 2002 that speak about the access to services and rights given to refugee claimants whilst they are in the process of claiming refugee status.*

I am writing to advise you that MBIE has decided to extend the period of time available to notify you of a decision on your request under section 15A(1)(a) of the Act as the request will necessitate a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations.

MBIE will notify you of a decision on your request no later than 13 October 2023.

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

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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