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Tēnā koe Simon

Thank you for your email of 30 August 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Please provide all Standard Operating Procedures, calculation templates and other staff guidance as to how to calculate whether a Sponsor or Sponsors earn sufficient income to meet the thresholds for Parent Resident Visa sponsorship per Immigration Instructions F4.35.

This should include calculation formulae and/or algorithms for:

- * Salaried employment*
- * Self-employment*
- * Other income*
- * A mix of salaried employment, self-employment and other income.*

It should also traverse how time periods are dealt with and income apportioned owing to the different income thresholds during the periods set out at F4.35.5.1(b), and the need to determine eligibility in 2 out of the last 3 years before a Parent Expression of Interest is selected from the Pool.

On 21 September 2023, we sent you a letter advising that MBIE had extended the period of time to respond to your request under section 15A(1)(a) of the Act as it necessitated a search through a large quantity of information. We noted that we would notify you of a decision on your request no later than 4 October 2023.

Our Response

Please refer to appendices A, B and C for the information in scope of your request. Please note that some information has been marked as being out of scope or has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(c) as making the information available would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial and
- section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

We have considered whether withholding private information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, however, it is our opinion that such grounds do not exist.



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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clifford', is positioned below the Māori phrase.

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Chief Operating Officer Immigration Branch
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