



16 October 2023

Matt

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File No: DOIA 2324-0635

Dear Matt,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 18 September 2023 requesting the following information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Ministry):

“1. Please can you advise if the department of immigration NZ shares all information with the DIA?”

1A. If an applicant had declared any criminal history to the department of immigration and provided appropriate information to be granted a waiver for both residency and permanent residency visa's is the specific information shared with the DIA?”

Our Response

Please can you advise if the department of immigration NZ shares all information with the DIA?

I can advise that Immigration New Zealand (INZ) shares information with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA).

When an individual applies for a visa or citizenship, the application states that the information provided in that application may be shared with relevant government agencies. By signing the application form the applicant is giving authority for that information to be shared. DIA can make a request under the Official Information Act for information not contained in an application. This request is processed by INZ in line with the Act's legislative requirements.

If an applicant had declared any criminal history to the department of immigration and provided appropriate information to be granted a waiver for both residency and permanent residency visa's is the specific information shared with the DIA?

As noted above DIA can request information INZ holds, about an individual, under the Official Information Act and INZ processes those requests in line with the requirements under the Act.

I refer you to the publicly available Customer Nominated Services Information Sharing Agreement (ASIA) that is posted on the DIA website which sets out at Schedule 5 what information is shared between the Ministry or in this case INZ and DIA without the need of an OIA request. Anything outside of this scope, would require DIA to provide a request under the Act to INZ.

Please see the following link for details:

[https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Customer-Nominated-Services-AISA/\\$file/Customer-Nominated-Services-AISA-signed.pdf](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Customer-Nominated-Services-AISA/$file/Customer-Nominated-Services-AISA-signed.pdf)





You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

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

Yours sincerely,

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