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Tēnā koe John,

Thank you for your email of 9 January 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

Dear Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. The date, time and location of your initial meeting with the new Immigration Minister for your department.*
- 2. A list of attendees at this meeting*
- 3. The cost of any flights and accommodation for staff who reside outside of wellington to attend this meeting.*
- 4. Any documentation provided at the meeting.*
- 5. All notes (including handwritten notes) taken at the meeting by department staff.*
- 6. A copy of any emails sent by department attendees or all staff communications regarding the meeting with the new Minister.*

On 27 February 2024 a partial response to your request was sent. We also advised that there was one document in scope of question 4 of your request and that MBIE had decided to release this to you, with some information withheld under the relevant sections of the Act, but it would take some time to prepare it for release, and it would be provided to you in due course.

Our Response

Please refer to Appendix B for the information in scope of question 4 of your request.

Please note some information may be withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(a), as the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand, or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.
- 6(b)(i), as the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence- by:
 - (i) the Government of any other country or any agency of such a government; or
 - (ii) any international organisation.
- 6(c), as the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.
- 9(2)(a), as the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

- 9(2)(b)(ii), as the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who was subject to the information.
- 9(2)(f)(iv), as the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered to Ministers of the Crown and officials.

I have considered whether withholding that 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 OIA. However, it is my 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, or if you require any further assistance, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz

Nāku noa, nā



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