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Ref: DOIA 2324-2247

MD Sunny

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Tēnā koe MD Sunny

Thank you for your email of 15 April 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1. Is the government committed to make this promise a reality?*
- 2. Is MBIE currently working on it?*
- 3. If MBIE is not working it, is it because of resourcing issues?*
- 4. If MBIE is working on it, what is an estimated time frame for the visa to open to public? Please kindly note this is really important for families who plan to reunite under this visa. A visa application takes considerable amount of time and preparation so even an estimated time frame is immensely helpful.*
- 5. What are the details that have been discussed and agreed on for the proposed visa so far?*
- 6. Does the government consider this as high priority?*
- 7. Does the government and MBIE understand that this is high priority for migrants?*
- 8. Why is the government and the immigration minister purposefully avoiding giving updates regarding this visa to the public? Are we to assume that the government intentionally misled migrants in order gain migrant votes in the election?*

This letter is to advise you that your request has been transferred to the Office of Hon Erica Stanford.

This is because your request is more closely aligned with the functions of the the Office of the Minister of Immigration. Section 14(b)(ii) of the Act allows me to transfer any request that is believed to be more closely aligned with the functions of another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

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 OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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