

Hon Erica Stanford

Minister of Education
Minister of Immigration



30 July 2024

OIA: 24-165

James

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Dear James,

Thank you for your email of 6 July 2024 to my office requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

all briefings and information if any, you have received concerning Karel Šroubek.

any advice or information received if any, concerning the deportation of Karel Šroubek.

an update on the status of the deportation of Karel Šroubek. Is there a delay? The reason for the delay and anticipated date of deportation if Mr Šroubek has not already been deported.

On 11 July 2024, my office emailed you to notify that we were partially transferring your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). Specifically, your request for an update on the deportation, including any reasons for delay and anticipated date of deportation, were transferred to MBIE as this information is more closely connected with the functions of MBIE. I understand that MBIE has responded to that part of your request.

I have identified two documents in scope of the remainder of your request. I am providing you the first document, which is a summary of the 2018 Heron Review and 2019 Report. This information was provided to me in briefing 2324-1071 *Immigration regulatory review: options for discussion*, which I received from MBIE on 7 February 2024, and which I consider to be otherwise out of scope of your request. The full 2019 Report is publicly available at: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/7011-independent-review-of-immigration-new-zealands-residence-deportation-liability-process>

I am withholding the second document in full, under section 9(2)(h) of the Act, to maintain legal professional privilege. This document is an email I received from a senior lawyer within the MBIE Legal Team on 16 February 2024, summarising ongoing legal matters in respect of Mr Šroubek's immigration case. I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erica Stanford'.

Hon Erica Stanford
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