

Office of Rt Hon Winston Peters

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister for Racing



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Anna

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Dear Anna,

Thank you for your email of 26 July 2024, which was transferred from the Office of the Rt Hon Christopher Luxon to my office on 8 August 2024, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1) *Does the New Zealand government plan to consider negotiating with the Australian government to improve the conditions for New Zealand permanent residents to eliminate the current imbalance?*
- 2) *Are there specific measures or strategies included in the recently adopted "Trans-Tasman Roadmap to 2035" aimed at addressing this issue? Will this matter be resolved in the near future?*
- 3) *Has this issue been raised in the "Trans-Tasman Roadmap to 2035" and is there a timeline for resolving it, particularly as per point 18 of the Joint Statement: Australia-New Zealand Leaders' Meeting 2023, which mentioned the establishment of a joint working group to report by the end of June 2024 (Joint-Statement-ANZLM-2...)?*

It would have been necessary under section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). However, we are aware that you have already made your request to MFAT, and therefore we have not transferred it.

You will receive a response to your questions above from MFAT. Our office does not hold any additional relevant information that is not already held by MFAT.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Allen'.

Jamie Allen

Private Secretary (Advisory/Media)