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Thank you for your email of 6 August 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

*I am hereby requesting a copy of all VisaPaks issued by Immigration New Zealand to date that have not been published on INZ website (not publicly available/accessible). For example, VisaPak 584 was issued 14 June 2024 but not published on INZ website.*

On 13 August 2024, we sent contacted you advising that an initial assessment of your request had been undertaken and to respond to the request would entail substantial collation.

We explained that the 'Visa Pak' was first developed in 2011 and that there have been approximately 2,900 items issued since that time.

We noted that your request would likely to be refused under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested could not be made available without substantial collation or research, but we gave you the opportunity to amend or refine your request that would enable a response to be provided, i.e. specify Visa Pak numbers or reduce the timeframe of your request.

We asked you to respond to us by 15 August 2024 and noted that if we did not receive a response the request would be processed/assessed in line with our initial assessment.

### **Our Response**

As we have not received your response to date, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. To provide the information requested, we would need to manually check in excess of 2,900 Visa Pak items issued since 2011. This task would remove Ministry staff from their core duties and therefore the greater public interest would not be served.

In accordance with section 18A of the Act, we have considered whether fixing a charge under section 15 or extending the time limit under section 15A would enable the request to be granted but it is my view it would not.

In accordance with section 18B of the Act, we consulted with you to remove the reason for refusal, however we did not receive a response to our request to narrow the scope.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.



If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact [inzoias@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jock Gilray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jock Gilray  
Director Visa  
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