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Tēnā koe Sam

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

*Can you please advise if the US citizen who's organised Pro-Khalistani rallies in Auckland and Wellington was checked for his history of spreading hate speech and violence. If not then why not?*

*Why didn't Immigration take enough measures against this person when he disrupted traffic in major cities and used slogans against other communities.*

*Please provide the evidence, if any, if the Ministry was satisfied by this person of a peaceful "visit"?*

I am writing to advise you that MBIE has decided to extend the period of time available to make a decision on your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

As such, a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. MBIE will notify you of a decision on your request no later than 11 December 2024.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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