



Alex Harris

Via: fyi-request-3359-21bb4ad8@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: DOIA 1516-0658

Dear Mr Harris

Thank you for your email of 12 November 2015, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 the following information:

"all advice about the return of New Zealand s501 deportees from Australia. I am not interested in individual cases, but rather advice relating to this group as a whole (for example, how quickly they can be processed, what barriers there may be to return, and compliance with s18 BORA)."

Initially, we considered your request to pertain to general advice regarding deportees from Australia, including the management of returned offenders. However, having noted your examples, the focus appears to be on border processes for which the Ministry has responsibility.

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) facilitates the entry and ensures immigration compliance of foreign nationals in New Zealand. We are not aware of any suggestion that there might be, generally speaking, barriers to the return of New Zealand citizens from Australia. I note section 13 of the Immigration Act 2009 which applies to the entry of New Zealand citizens into New Zealand. Your request is being refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982, since the information requested is not held by the Ministry.

For your information, advice on the management of returned offenders is available via the following page of the Ministry of Justice website:

<http://www.justice.govt.nz/policy/criminal-justice/returning-offenders>

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, you are encouraged to contact Nick Aldous, Operational Policy Manager on 04 896 5208 or at Nick.Aldous@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to contest the decision on your request by seeking an investigation and review by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Dunstan', written in a cursive style.

Stephen Dunstan
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