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Dear Mr Stephens

Thank you for your email of 12 July 2016, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

... all departmental advice to the Minister of Immigration between September 16, 2015 and July 12 2016 on New Zealand's Refugee Resettlement Quota

Please find the information requested at the following link:
<http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/immigration/oia-responses-refugees>

The documents included at the weblink are being released as a standard package. Some sections of the papers have been redacted as they are out of scope. I have also withheld sections of some papers under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- section 6(b)(i), to avoid prejudicing the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of another country
- section 6(b)(ii), to avoid prejudicing the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by ... any international organisation
- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect ... the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- section 9(2)(i), to enable the Ministry to carry out commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty

The relevant withholding grounds are noted on the documents.

In respect of the information being withheld under section 9(2) of the Act, I do not consider that there are any overriding public interest considerations that support the release of that information.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to withhold some of the information you have requested. The relevant contact details are as follows:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
The Terrace
Wellington 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Woodhouse', written in a cursive style.

Hon Michael Woodhouse
Minister of Immigration