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Ref: DOIA 1617 – 0443

Dear Ms Longdill

I refer to your email of 6 October 2016 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982, as follows:

"In 2015, the Privacy Commissioner referred a case to the Director of Human Rights Proceedings (2015) NZ PrivCmr 8) relating to Immigration New Zealand refusing to correct personal information under Principle 7(2) Privacy Act 1993.

On 1 July 2016, the Human Rights Commission issued a press release advising the case had settled and Immigration New Zealand was working on a policy for dealing with requests to amend personal information.

- a) Has that new policy been finalised yet?*
- b) Please supply the current policy applied by Immigration New Zealand staff in assessing applications to correct information held by INZ."*

Response

- a) The new policy has not yet been finalised, but we can send you a copy when it has.
- b) Immigration New Zealand does not have a current policy. Each request for correction of personal information is considered individually in accordance with Privacy Principle 7 of the Privacy Act 1993. We must therefore refuse the request in reliance on sections 18(e) and (g) as the information requested does not exist and is not held by, or connected more closely with the functions of, another department or Minister or by a local authority.

You have a right by way of complaint under section 28(3) to an Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of the refusal.

Yours sincerely

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