



17 March 2017

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Dear B Knight

Official Information Act request relating to advice and correspondence on family link criteria in refugee quota

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 21 February 2017 which asked for:

- *"All internal correspondence between January 1, 2009 and February 20, 2017 on the family link criteria component of the regional allocations of New Zealand's refugee resettlement quota.*
- *All documents containing advice between January 1, 2009 and February 20, 2017 to (a) the Minister of Foreign Affairs & Trade, and (b) the Minister of Immigration, and their respective offices, on the family link criteria component of the regional allocations of New Zealand's refugee resettlement quota."*

I can advise the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has not identified any information relevant to the scope of your request for information on the family link criteria component of the regional allocations of New Zealand's refugee resettlement quota for the timeframe specified in your request. Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the basis *"that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found."*

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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