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Dear B Knight

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 21 February 2017 on the FYI website. Your request was forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) by another government agency on 16 March 2017. MFAT did not receive your original email from the FYI website asking 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."

This letter advises that due to the necessity for further consultation, we will need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 30 working days, to 30 May 2017. It is possible however, that even with this extension, we may be unable to release material relevant to your request.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Vanessa Rawson

for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade