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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."*

Attached are the documents from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade relevant to your request. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government; and
- 6(b)(ii): to protect the passing of information from another international organisation on a confidential basis.

I am aware that you have made a similar request to the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE). We are working with MBIE to ensure you receive a response from them that covers any relevant joint material also held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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

Yours sincerely

Joana Johnston
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade