



12 May 2017

B Knight

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Dear B Knight

Thank you for your email on 21 February 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

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".

Subsequently, on 7 April 2017 you were advised that the timeframe for responding to your request had been extended to 20 April 2017. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Enclosed are 21 documents within the scope of your request (listed as Annex One):

Information has been withheld from parts of these documents 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)(ii) to avoid prejudicing the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by an international organisation
- section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, and
- section 9(2)(g)(ii) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinion to Ministers of the Crown and by and between employees of any department in the course of their duty.

Much of the information in these documents is out of scope of your request.

In my view there are no counterbalancing public interest considerations in releasing the information which has been withheld under section 9(2) to you.



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 Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
The Terrace
Wellington 6143

Yours sincerely,



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Manager, Immigration Policy

Labour and Immigration Policy

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Annex One: List of documents within scope of the request

Part 1 Internal correspondence

No	Date	Document type	Title
1	18/19 Jun 2013	Emails	Refugee quota paper
2	20 Oct 2015	Email	Proposed scope – meeting of 8 October 2015
3	23 Nov 2015	Email	Next three year refugee quota programme options
4	17 Feb 2016	Email	Talking points for Minister's meeting 18 Feb
5	7 Apr 2016	Emails	Regional allocations
6	11/13 Apr 2016	Emails	Proposed next three-year resettlement programme cost implications of options
7	8 May 2016	Email	Talking points re refugee quota for Minister's meeting 9 May 2016
8	17/18 May 2016	Emails	The next three year refugee quota programme
9	June 2016	Plan	Communications plan
10	1/2 Feb 2017	Emails	Lines on refugees from Africa and Middle East

Part 2: All documents containing advice to (a) the Minister of Foreign Affairs & Trade, and (b) the Minister of Immigration, and their respective offices

11	10 August 2010	Draft Cabinet paper (10/93383)	<i>The Refugee Quota 2010/11 to 2012/13: Managing refugee pressures in the Asia-Pacific region</i>
12	1 Feb 2013	Briefing (13/00225)	<i>Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 – 2015/16</i>
13	30 Apr 2013	Briefing (13/01727)	<i>Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 – 2015/16 and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees</i>
14	29 May 2017	Draft Cabinet paper (13/01727)	<i>Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 – 2015/16 and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees</i>
15	11 Jun 2013	Aide Memoire (13/03189)	<i>External Relations and Defence Committee consideration of: Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees</i>

16	14 Jun 2013	Aide memoire (13/03315)	<i>Talking points for Cabinet's consideration of the paper: Refugee Quota Programme 2013/14 to 2015/16 and arrangement with Australia to resettle refugees</i>
17	30 Nov 2015	Briefing (1132 16-16)	<i>Next three-year Refugee Resettlement Programme - options</i>
18	7 Mar 2016	Briefing (2393 15-16)	<i>UNHCR's submission on the 2016/17 to 2018/18 Refugee Quota planning cycle</i>
19	18 Apr 2016	Briefing (2601 15-16)	<i>Proposed next three-year refugee quota; costs and other impacts of options</i>
20	19 May 2016	Briefing and draft Cabinet paper (3033 15-16)	<i>Draft Cabinet paper: The next three year (2016/17 – 2018/19) refugee quota programme</i>
21	7 June 2016	Aide memoire (3409 15-16)	<i>EGI consideration of Cabinet paper: The next three-year refugee quota programme</i>