



6 July 2017

M Stephens

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Dear Mr Stephens

Thank you for your email of 8 May 2017 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Please provide, in full, under the Official Information Act

** Any briefings and/or documents provided to the Immigration Minister or associate Immigration Minister on the proposal and/or selection of Invercargill as a new refugee resettlement location, including how that city compared to other cities.*

** Any analytical papers or scoping documents produced by or for the ministry related to this decision to make Invercargill a resettlement location.*

** Any aide memoirs or other reports pertaining to this decision to make Invercargill a resettlement location.*

** All and any emails between the Ministry and the Invercargill City Council and/or the Southland Regional Council and/or Invercargill Mayor Tim Shadbolt pertaining to this decision to make Invercargill a resettlement location.*

On 23 May 2017, we advised you that extended time was required to respond to your Act request and that the new date for our response would be by no later than 6 July 2017.

The information you have requested is attached. Certain information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- Section 9(2)(j) – enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)



In my view there are no counterbalancing public interest considerations in making the information I have withheld available to you.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision to withhold certain information by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely



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