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MINISTRY OF BUSINESS,
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HĪKINA WHAKATUTUKI

Ref number: OIA 1617-1506

G. Reed

fyi-request-5973-59845c3c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear G. Reed,

I refer to your requests for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), received on 6 June 2017, for the following information:

- 1) *the average-per-immigrant dollar amount and also total dollar amounts brought into the country for long stay immigrants not coming in under an investor visa. For instance work, refugee or any other visa. Could you please give me those figures broken down per year over several years up to the present year or up to the last figures recorded and from last country of departure. If last country of departure is not feasible then over larger geographic region, ie: Asia, Oceania, Europe, Americas, etc.*
- 2) *I wish to know how much money long term immigrants are bringing into the country over the last 10 years with breakdown per year. I request this information under the Official Information act. If time span not feasible would consider a shorter time span covering several years. Request that you advise me if this turns out to be the case. Also if possible broken down into bins of \$100,000 lots. For instance number of immigrants bringing in 0 - \$100,000 for each year over last 10 years. Then number of immigrants bringing in \$100,000-\$200,000 for each year over last 10 years. Then number of immigrants bringing in \$200,000-\$300,000 for each year over last 10 years etc. If bin sizes not possible please provide information in smallest realistically feasible bin size you can provide and advise that you have done so.*

Our Response

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) does not hold the information you have requested (and does not believe it is information that is held elsewhere or a question more closely connected to the functions of another entity). Therefore your request has been refused under section 18(g) of the OIA.

You have the right to contest the decision to refuse the information requested in your request by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
Wellington

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response please contact Haydon Rodrick, Business Advisor, at haydon.rodrick@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GS', written in a cursive style.

Geoff Scott
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