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David Brown

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Ref: PMO OIA 032-2017

Dear David Brown

Official Information Act request relating to criteria for acceptance for settlement in New Zealand for refugees on Manus Island

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 28 November 2017 which asked:

“What is the criteria that New Zealand will accept Manus Island detainees and will this include mental illness, a criminal history (including sexual crimes), behavioural integration, vocational suitability, drug use and associations with the drug industry or extreme religious views & will these detainees be allowed to bring their families over if accepted?”

The information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions and responsibilities of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) as the lead agency for immigration matters, including refugees. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to MBIE under section 14 of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Simpson'.

Heather Simpson
Advisor