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Dear Nicolai Thomson

I refer to your official information request dated 21 April 2013, received 22 April 2013.

In your request you asked for:

- *The annual reports compiled since the Plan of Action to prevent people trafficking was introduced, covering the progress each of the departments included in the inter-agency working group have made.*

I am releasing this information to you although some information has been withheld under the provisions of s9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), which relates to protecting the privacy of natural persons.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Benoit Lamy, Policy Adviser at benoit.lamy@mbie.govt.nz.

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Yours sincerely



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BRIEFING

MINISTER	PORTFOLIO	DEADLINE
Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman	Minister of Immigration	N/A
Action sought	For your information	
Title	PROGRESS ON THE PLAN OF ACTION TO PREVENT PEOPLE TRAFFICKING	
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Copied to	Hon Kate Wilkinson, Associate Minister of Immigration	
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Minister's comments

Minister's feedback	Very Poor	Poor	Neutral	Good	Very Good
Quality of advice	1	2	3	4	5
Writing style	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of analysis	1	2	3	4	5
Completeness of information	1	2	3	4	5



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Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman, Minister of Immigration
cc Hon Kate Wilkinson, Associate Minister of Immigration

PROGRESS ON THE PLAN OF ACTION TO PREVENT PEOPLE TRAFFICKING

Purpose

- 1 This paper provides you with an annual report back on the progress of the Plan of Action to Prevent People Trafficking (Plan of Action), which was released July 2009.

Background

- 2 In 2002, New Zealand ratified the United Nations Convention against Trans National Organised Crime along with its associated Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children. The Plan of Action was developed in part to meet these international commitments.
- 3 The Department of Labour (the Department) coordinates the Plan of Action on behalf of the Interagency Working Group on People Trafficking (Working Group).

Achievements

- 4 Key achievements of the Working Group in the past 12 months include developing:
 - initial training on trafficking indicators and victim interviewing techniques, which has been delivered to some of the Working Group's frontline staff
 - people trafficking profiles to help immigration processing staff detect fraud or suspicious indicators in visa applications for potential victims
 - an internal presentation to raise awareness of people trafficking that has been presented to some onshore Immigration New Zealand branches
 - awareness raising material, including public presentations and 'outreach' publications to victims in various languages. These will be available through brochures, the internet and community newspapers by 31 August 2010.
- 5 The New Zealand Police (the Police) have developed an internal policy on people trafficking which will form part of the Criminal Investigation Branch training programme. All Police Investigative staff will receive this training in their induction.
- 6 The Police have also identified subject matter experts on people trafficking and sent one detective on specialist people trafficking investigation training in Australia. The material from this training and relevant policies will be available on their intranet.

- 7 The Ministry of Social Development have amended their Special Needs Grants Ministerial Welfare Programme to allow the provision of financial assistance to victims of people trafficking while they are in New Zealand.
- 8 Domestic Cabinet Committee has approved a Victims of Trafficking Immigration Policy which:
 - allows any Police-certified victim to stay in New Zealand for 12 months on a temporary visa. During that time the victims can access social assistance and assist the Police investigation of the alleged trafficking offence if they choose.
 - offers a pathway to residence only to victims who have not obstructed the Police investigation of their trafficking case during the temporary visa period.
- 9 The Department has commissioned research into international best practice in providing services and protecting victims, to be completed by 31 July 2010.
- 10 In June 2010 the Department convened a people trafficking forum in conjunction with End Child Prostitution and Trafficking. Various non-government organisations attended and important contacts were made.
- 11 The Immigration New Zealand website contains finalised advice about transporting children over borders. Immigration's Manila branch has also held a session for their staff regarding children travelling alone and possible trafficking indicators.

Delay

- 12 Formal training for staff and public awareness raising on people trafficking are two key work items to the Plan of Action, with anticipated timeframes of 12 months to complete. However, the absence of funding for this work along with prior mandated commitments (such as Immigration Act 2009 implementation) has meant this work could not be completed within the 12 month timeframe.

Mitigation

- 13 The Department intends to implement anti-people trafficking training to its staff as soon as the Immigration Act 2009 training is complete. Material from this training, along with any training developed with Police and Customs will be disseminated to the wider Working Group for implementation over the next 12 months.
- 14 In the interim, internal awareness raising campaigns for staff will continue e.g. presentations and anti-people trafficking intranet pages for staff. The majority of this material will be incorporated into formal training, to be introduced next year.
- 15 The Department, in consultation with the Working Group, has also developed material such as information brochures to raise public awareness of this crime. It is anticipated that this material, along with a people trafficking internet page on the Immigration New Zealand website will be publically available by 31 August 2010.

Next Steps

- 16 The Working Group will continue to meet to implement work items and monitor progress on the Plan of Action. Particular focus will be given to achieving the training and awareness raising goals of the Plan of Action over the next 12 months.
- 17 Should any risks regarding the Plan of Action or people trafficking issues in general be identified you will be informed as and when they arise.

Recommendation

18 It is recommended that you:

1 **note** the contents of this paper

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for Secretary of Labour

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Hon Dr Jonathan
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Minister of Immigration

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