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PROTECTING NEW ZEALAND'S BORDER

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Ref: OIA 18 - 223

Mr Aaron Martin

By email: [fyi-request-8603-69a28523@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-8603-69a28523@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Martin

**Transfer of request for information under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email dated 3 September 2018 to the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs), making the following request for information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*"If in previous years, you are associated with a gang- What is the process NZ Customs, Interpol and other government agencies alert other countries which then leads to being denied entry to countries purely on the fact that there was gang involvement in a prior life*

*This has now happened twice within the last 12 months with entry being denied*

*If this is no longer the case- and an individual is being discriminated against because of prior connections, how would one that has now dissociated themselves with the club, go about travelling with no prior convictions".*

I am transferring your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration New Zealand) under section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982. The information you have requested is not held by Customs but is believed to be held by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration New Zealand).

You have the right, by way of complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to seek an investigation and review of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available online at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) , or you can phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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