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Dear A KS

I refer to your official information request received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) on 9 November 2018 for the following:

*1:- Since Feb 1 2018 --Any advice, recommendations, briefings, documents, emails, aide memoir, and/or cabinet papers, provided by MBIE or INZ to the Hon. Minister of Immigration and/or the Minister's office in regards to the Parents residency visa review*

*2:- Regarding parents residency visa review, Is MBIE/INZ working on any advice/recommendation or any work which is yet to be submitted to Hon. Minister of Immigration/Ministry?.*

*For Point 2, If the answer is yes and it is possible under law, please provide the basic info ( like what the work is about , title etc. ) as I can understand it may still be a work in progress and hence, documents cannot be shared by MBIE yet.*

The Ministry received a request clarification email from you on 13 November 2018. We have noted this when preparing our response to you.

There are two documents covered within your request. I am withholding these under:

- s9(2)(f)(iv) to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- s9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty

In withholding the information you have requested, I have taken into account section 9(1) of the Act. I do not consider that there are any overriding public interest reasons that support the release of information being withheld.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to withhold information. The relevant contact details are as follows:

Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10152  
WELLINGTON 6143  
Ph 0800 802 602  
[www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Yours sincerely

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