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Dear Matthew

I refer to your request received by my office on 2 November 2018 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I request all information and advice you have received as Minister of Immigration on Karel Sroubek (including on his safety) from any source whatsoever, including but not limited to people who may also be your constituents or officials of the New Zealand Labour Party, and officials of the Czech Republic and European Union.

I note your later clarification that your request covers only information received before and at the time the Minister made the decision to cancel deportation liability of Mr Sroubek.

As a partial response to your request above, I attach the Deportation Liability Assessment relating to Mr Sroubek. Further material that falls within the scope of your request will be provided as soon as possible. Please note that certain information from the attached document has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(d), where the information would be likely to endanger the safety of any person
- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons, and
- section 18(c)(ii), where releasing the information would constitute contempt of court or of the House of Representatives.

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by other considerations which make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

For the remaining aspects of your OIA request, this letter is to notify you that we are extending the time available to answer your request. We expect to respond by 21 December 2018 at the latest.

The reason for the extension is that the request is for a large quantity of official information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department or the Minister of the Crown and consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

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

Office of the Ombudsman PO Box 10152 WELLINGTON 6143 Ph. 0800 802 602

Yours sincerely

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Minister of Immigration