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Dear Mr Ujdur

Thank you for your request of 30 November 2018 to the Minister of Immigration's office. This request was transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) on 23 January 2019. You requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*According to a 23/01/2013 NZ Herald article information regarding Jan Antolik or Karel Sroubek was to be passed on to Michael Woodhouse by Immigration officials. Did this ever occur?*

In January 2013, following the conclusion of court proceedings relating to Mr Sroubek, Immigration New Zealand (INZ) began the process for deportation, which in general, includes providing residents an opportunity to make submissions as to why they should not be deported.

However, the deportation process was then put on hold pending the outcome of the police investigation and eventual charge for which he is currently serving a prison sentence.

Hon Michael Woodhouse did not review Mr Sroubek's case when he was Minister of Immigration. Deportation cases are only put to the Minister when we are able to provide a full account of why the individual is liable or potentially liable for deportation, their personal circumstances and their submissions. As Mr Sroubek's deportation was put on hold, it was not put to the then Minister of Immigration.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Angela Vinsen, Acting Technical Specialist, Resolutions Team at [angela.vinsen@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:angela.vinsen@mbie.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

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