



## Prime Minister

Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage

Minister for Child Poverty Reduction

Minister for National Security & Intelligence

- 4 MAR 2019

Phillip Hart  
fyi-request-9512-dea14b4c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: PMO 005-2019

Dear Phillip Hart

### **Official Information Act request relating to all written communication from Richie Hardcore and members of the public concerning Karel Sroubek**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 4 February 2019. You requested:

*"...My OIA request refers to a previous OIA request from Mr. M Hooton  
<https://fyi.org.nz/request/9243-texts-from-richie-hardcore-others-re-karel-sroubek>  
I request all other forms of written communication, including but not limited to  
Facebook Messages and WhatsApp messages,  
1) you have received from Richie Hardcore on any topic  
2) you have received from any other private citizen concerning Karel Sroubek..."*

In relation to the first part of your request, the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, in her capacity as Prime Minister, has not received any further written communication from Richie Hardcore since the last message released to Mr Hooton in his request of 12 December 2018. Therefore, on this basis, I am refusing your request for any additional information under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Regarding the second part of your request, please find attached correspondence that the Prime Minister received from other members of the public concerning Karel Sroubek. This correspondence was received by the Prime Minister through email, her official Facebook account and by text message. Some information within this correspondence has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Further correspondence identified within the scope of your request includes, an email which was sent by Mr Sroubek's mother to the Director of the private, Serco-run prison as summarised in the below Stuff article. This email was forwarded to the Prime Minister on 5 January 2019. We can summarise that the letter from Mr Sroubek's mother related to her concern for the treatment of her son Karel Sroubek in prison. There is also correspondence from Mr Sroubek's father, which was received on 29 January 2019. I have decided to withhold the content of these emails under section 9(2)(a) of the Act as it relates to the privacy of natural persons, and due to the personal nature of the information contained in the correspondence.

What is publicly available is the information captured in the below articles by Stuff.co.nz and the NZ Herald:

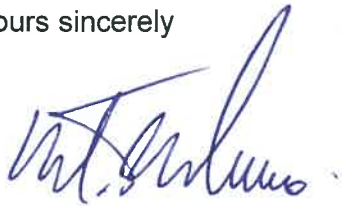
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/109778213/sroubeks-parents-say-he-is-being-punished-twice-for-the-same-breach-of-prison-rules>

[https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=12198076](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12198076)

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Munro', with a large, stylized flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Mike Munro  
**Chief of Staff**

Fri, 9 Nov, 9:45 AM

U r too polite to say it but I will  
- Bridges & the Nats r being  
bastards about this Sroubek  
saga. I want to assist with  
information I hve included in an  
email I hve just copied u in on.  
If I can please advise [redacted]  
[redacted] Best - Alex



iMessage



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**From:** Alex Swney s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 November 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: support for Karel Sroubek

Hi s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your reply on behalf of our Prime Minister re Karel Sroubek.

There are always two sides to every story and a million agendas. This story is no different. Karel's ex wife has a new partner closely connected with the opposition who is looking to disenfranchise Karel further by securing his deportation. If successful they will enjoy a not insubstantial financial windfall.

The Prime Ministers office doesn't need to be engaged in gossip but in this issue it should be aware that the issue is less to do with a former Czech citizen with NZ residency (and a drug conviction) and more to do with a very acrimonious marriage break up. It is the worst type of gutter politics that the opposition are playing.

regards

Alex

On Thu, Nov 1, 2018 at 10:20 AM Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear Alex

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, to thank you for sending her a copy of the email you've sent the Hon Iain Lees-Galloway about Karel Sroubek.

Kind regards

s9(2)(a)

Office of the Prime Minister



**From:** Alex Sweeney [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 October 2018 3:55 PM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern [<Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz>](mailto:Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz)  
**Subject:** Fwd: support for Karel Sroubek

Prime Minister

in the end I couldn't help myself. I recognise how politically you are in a difficult position but the National Party are behaving so disgracefully in this matter.

I hope we are better than they would have us believe

Best wishes

Alex

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Alex Sweeney [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)  
**Date:** Wed, Oct 31, 2018 at 3:47 PM  
**Subject:** support for Karel Sroubek  
**To:** [<iain.lees-galloway@parliament.govt.nz>](mailto:iain.lees-galloway@parliament.govt.nz)

Minister

I was a prisoner at ASCF where I served 12 months in the same six-person residence as Karel Sroubek aka Jan Antolik.

For the past couple of days I have vacillated about contacting you. It is much easier not to do anything and rely on the cards to fall where they will. BUT, I don't want prison to have dumbled me down and stolen all my humanity. I don't want to be a prisoner advocate but Jan's case is turning into an irrational bigoted clamouring for blood surely we are better than this.

In my position I got to read many prisoners sentencing notes as I helped them in preparation for their parole hearings. It was in this capacity that I got to read Jan's file plus the 2011 ruling from Judge Roy Wade who discharged him without conviction. At the time this Judge was clearly satisfied of concerns about Jan's safety if he were to be deported.

I don't need to relitigate evidence that you obviously have in front of you.

But, as much as a former prisoner can comment on character, I can't let some of what is being said slide. As a society we need to be judged by the height of our troughs rather than the height of our peaks and in prison we see how low our troughs are. Outside the wire there is a sad righteousness that is very unattractive. The National Party are milking a cheap stunt and in doing so revealing their miserable underside and transposing it on our society they should be ashamed.

I think it would be a sad day that we stooped to this level and bowed down to this sort of mean spirited populism.

In terms of character today, I would say that Jan is a changed man. Under normal circumstances he would be a poster boy for prison reform. He busies himself with endless courses (all voluntary as his low security classification means he is ineligible for any courses run by Corrections). Many were beneficiary of his skill as an instructor in the gym and he currently works at the Placemakers workshop within the prison walls. He has also become a very active leader of the yoga group within ASCF. Over and above the regular classes he did his own yoga reflection in our residence on a daily basis. It is now entrenched as an everyday part of his life.

I don't think any of us want to be judged too harshly on our past and would prefer to be judged by how we are as a person today. Jan has led a less than perfect life and admits this but it isn't so bad that New Zealand should place his life at risk. Everything I saw convinces me that he will be a positive contributor to our community upon his release... if we have the courage.

This is a situation that tests our compassion as a country so I am asking you to maintain your original position not to deport Karel.

I am not sure what I can add but am happy to receive any call to elaborate if this would assist.

Many thanks

Alex Sweeney

s9(2)(a)

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From: s9(2)(a)  
Sent: Tuesday, 6 November 2018 4:12 PM  
To: J Ardern (MIN) <j.ardern@ministers.govt.nz>  
Cc: Hon Iain Lees Galloway <iain.Lees-Galloway@parliament.govt.nz>  
Subject: Sroubek

Kia ora Prime Minister

Hope the following is helpful.

In Question Time, Hon Simon Bridges asked as a supplementary

*"Wasn't the correct decision always been to deport?"*

Perhaps a different approach in responding could have been

*"If the Leader of the Opposition is referring to 2009 when Jan Antolik was discovered to have used a false passport, and that he was in fact Karel Sroubek, then YES, I would agree that National's then Minister of Immigration, Honourable Jonathan Coleman, should have deported him. As should have Honourable Nathan Guy and Honourable Michael Woodhouse in the ensuing 8 years till 2017. If those National Ministers had done their job, this matter would never have reached Honourable Iain Lees Galloway's desk"*

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To one of Mr. Bridges questions you responded:

*"He already had residence"*

It is my understanding that Mr. Sroubek did not have residence, only Jan Antolik had residence which he obtained in 2008 when I was representing him.


Therefore, in my opinion, perhaps a different response could have been:

*"Karel Sroubek did not have residence, Jan Antolik had residence. And if the three National Party Ministers of Immigration had done their jobs in the 8 years from 2009 until 2017, and cancelled the Antolik residence visa and deported the man we now know as Karel Sroubek, then Minister Lees Galloway wouldn't have been left trying to clean up the mess left by the National government."*

s9(2)(a)



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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 8:36 AM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Subject:** Karel Sroubel

Dear Prime Minister,

It is inconceivable how a man with so many criminal convictions, including drug smuggling, can be granted permanent residency in New Zealand. If the bureaucrats in the Ministry of Immigration cannot investigate, and supply the correct information, to the Minister, then there is something seriously wrong in the department.

Everything is taken at face value, and the government has had the wool pulled over its eyes.

This raises the specter of whether Minister Galloway has the confidence of government and should remain in his present position,

Karel Sroubel has been a major topic of discussion amongst political commentators, and afternoon and evening talk back hosts. One breakfast programme host has been especially critical.

The overwhelming opinion is that this man should be removed from the country immediately.

I have voted, and supported the Labour Party all my life, however I am beginning to wonder if Labour is governing in the best interests of New Zealand.

Regards,

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 November 2018 3:33 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Letter from s9(2)(a)  
**Attachments:** img-Y02125410-0001.pdf


Hello s9(2)(a)

Please find attached a scanned copy of a letter David has received in his electorate office addressed to the PM regarding the Karel SROUBEK matter.

Would the PMs office wish to respond to s9(2)(a) or would you prefer us to respond from here?

Many thanks

s9(2)(a)



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s9(2)(a)

Dear Prime Minister,

REF KAREL SROUBEK

This refers to advice that in my opinion the above named criminal should be deported without delay.

We are all aware of the facts and I am of the opinion that the majority of New Zealanders are also of this view.

I urge you to deport this criminal.  
Thank you for your consideration.  
Yours faithfully,

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 11:23 PM  
**To:** J Ardern (MIN); Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Subject:** Please read this email

Dear Prime Minister,

s9(2)(a)

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s9(2)(a)

Kind regards,

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Subject:** Re: Current furore about Karel Sroubek's residency

Hi s9(2)(a)

I'm sure the Prime minister is a very busy lady - you only need to pass on the gist of my email and there is no need for a reply.

BTW I have never even seen nor know anyone who has met Mr Lees-Galloway - just in case you assume I'm a relative.

On Fri, 2 Nov 2018 at 08:48, Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear s9(2)(a)

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, to thank you for your recent email and your thoughts about Karel Sroubek's residency and the Minister.

I will pass them on.

Best wishes

s9(2)(a)

Office of the Prime Minister

Authorised by Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern MP, Parliament Buildings Wellington 6012

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 November 2018 7:53 AM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** I Lees-Galloway (MIN) <i.lees-galloway@ministers.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Current furore about Karel Sroubek's residency

Dear Ms Ardern,

Please continue to give your colleague Mr Lees-Galloway full support. As a member of the public I do not have the full details but I trust Mr Lees-Galloway made his decision fairly on the evidence provided. Since it was likely to be unpopular it shows he puts moral issues ahead of political advantage and that is the kind of MP we need.

Granting Karel Sroubek residency raises some issues:

1. The competency of INZ or more specifically its under-funding. It is sad that Mr Lees-Galloway is being criticised because of failures of his predecessor.
2. Have you considered the issue from the point of view of the Czech govt? How would you respond if a Kiwi requested residency in a foreign country on the grounds that he was not safe to live in New Zealand?

I am writing this email in support of Mr Lees-Galloway because he is the first minister to take worker exploitation in NZ seriously (although I am bothered that it does not seem to have the highest priority with our govt). Please assist MBIE by granting them the funding needed to review applicants for immigration. All reports of exploitation of low wage immigrants both anecdotally and in the media make it harder for visible immigrant families like mine to flourish in New Zealand. They are also slowly destroying NZ's international reputation for fairness and absence of corruption.

There is no need to reply to this email; I'd rather you spent the time thinking about our immigration policies and the ease with which they are abused.

yours faithfully, s9(2)(a)



Received

- 8 NOV 2018

Office of Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

s9(2)(a)

1 November 2018

The Prime Minister  
Jacinda Ardern  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington

Dear Ms Ardern

It is becoming increasingly difficult to have confidence in decisions being made by your Government.

For one of the latest I refer to the current case of Karel Sroubek or Jan Antolik or what ever his real name is.

I, like most New Zealanders, was gob-smacked to hear the reports over the weekend that a convicted drug smuggler who gained entry to New Zealand on a false passport had been granted New Zealand residency by Immigration Minister Iain Lees-Galloway while serving a prison sentence.

The attempts today by the Minister to try and justify his decision on the basis that residency had been previously granted under a false name and this needed to be rectified by issuing the resident visa in the correct name is even more incredulous. An application made in a false name = a fraudulent application and means the relevant background checks have not been able to be made. As a result the fraudulently obtained visa should have been cancelled and any future applications declined as the applicant clearly fails a good character test.

Recent media reports of a lack of investigation of other alleged immigration frauds causes me to have a lack of confidence that the Minister and the Ministry is working to protect the interests of the New Zealand taxpayer.

Yours sincerely

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 November 2018 5:37 AM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <[Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Karel

It is sad that you have allowed this man to stay in NZ. I couldn't think of any one else being the the leader of NZ except for you Jacinda. But to let this man stay in NZ is totally irresponsible of you and sadly I will not be voting for you again. This man has nothing to offer NZ and to say it is for humane reasons is nonsense He is not going to be bothered selling drugs to anyone and being humane to anybody in New Zealand. I feel sad that I will not be voting for you again because I do think you are a fine young woman. Regards s9(2)(a)

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 1 November 2018 8:00 PM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <[Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Karel Sroubek

Dear Jacinda

Karel Sroubek needs to be gone from your country. On Tuesday you asked NZ to trust the minister, well we don't. Just look at them all in all parties i don't have the time to list all the bad behaviour over the last few months, but trust and integrity aren't high on my list when describing the MPs of the House. Labour run the economy well and I'm pleased, but I don't like your attitude when it comes to the Manis Is Refugees that are trying to get in illegally, will you be bringing more like Karel Sroubek into the country. You are doing well in running the country don't let law breakers come here or say here.

Thanks for reading

s9(2)(a)

**You MPs of New Zealand what's going on ? you should be demanding help for people and cases like mine. ?????**

Outside Scope

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From:

s9(2)(a)

Sent:

Thursday, November 1, 2018 9:52 AM

To:

Hon Grant Robertson; Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern; s9(2)(a) Hon Tim Macindoe; Hon Chris Hipkins; Hon Aupito William Sio; Hon Jenny Salesa; Hon Anne Tolley; Hon Iain Lees-Galloway; Hon Phil Twyford; Hon Stuart Nash; Hon David Parker; Hon. Dr Megan Woods; Hon Julie Anne Genter, Port Hills Electorate; Selwyn Electorate Office; Mana Electorate; s9(2)(a); s9(2)(a); s9(2)(a); Dunedin North; Duncan Webb; Dunedin South MP; A Little Office (MIN); s9(2)(a) New Lynn MP; Hon Carmel Sepuloni; s9(2)(a); s9(2)(a); Trevor Mallard; Hon Paula Bennett; Paul Eagle; Office of Paul Goldsmith MP; Tamati Coffey; Green Party; marama.davidson@greens.org.nz; gareth.hughes@greens.org.nz; jan.logie@greens.org.nz; Jan Tinetti; chloe.swarbrick@greens.org.nz; golriz.ghahraman@greens.org.nz; simon.oconnor@national.org.nz; Hon Simon Bridges; Electorate Office of Simon Bridges; Hon Judith Collins; JudithCollinsPapakura; Todd.McClay@national.org.nz; Todd Muller; Botany MP; Jamie Strange; Jami-Lee Ross MP; Hon Peeni Henare; Poto Williams; ian.mckelvie@national.org.nz; nuk.korako@national.org.nz; Office of Nick Smith MP; Nicola Willis; Office of MP Maggie Barry ONZM; bret.ludson@national.org.nz; Tim van de Molen Out of Parliament Support; Karwaljit Singh Bakshi; matt.doocey@national.org.nz; Barbara.Kuriger@national.org.nz; jonathan.young@national.org.nz; david.bennett@national.org.nz; Jian Yang MP; sarah.dowie@national.org.nz; Office of Jacqui Dean MP; Waiariki Maori; MP Coromandel; christopher.finlayson@national.org.nz; alfred.ngaro@national.org.nz; Louisa Wall; michael.woodhouse@national.org.nz; Nathan Guy Kapiti; Ilam; Hon Gerry Brownlee; MP Auckland Central; Willow Jean Prime; Ruth Dyson; MP Te Tai Tonga; Raymond Huo; Priyanca Radhakrishnan; Hon Meka Whaitiri

Re: fairness

Subject:

Sent from my iPad

On 1/11/2018, at 9:46 AM, s9(2)(a) wrote:

Sent from my iPad

**The minister Galloway Has decided to put his name and energy and nz Money keeping karel sroubek a drug dealer in prison and give him a home in New Zealand,**

s9(2)(a)

**where I am left to live now on 80% minimum wage no quality life no way of getting ahead and the minister Galloway choose to help a criminal from Czech Republic against helping someone like myself ,,says to me that once you are a broken person you are a throwaway human in New Zealand not worth spending any money on.**

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 12:56 PM  
**To:** I Lees Galloway (MIN)  
**Cc:** J Ardern (MIN)  
**Subject:** Drug dealer granted residency

Hello Iain

I'm writing to voice my strong disapproval over your decision to grant residency to a drug dealer. As minister of immigration, you must have turned down many people's requests for residency, but somehow, a criminal who entered here illegally and entices others into breaking the law with drugs, is treated favorably.

This is New Zealand, the best country in the world. In your role as minister of immigration, with every decision you make, you have the chance to either make New Zealand a little bit better, or a little bit worse. This decision is going to make our country a little bit worse. What message does this send that hardworking families can get denied but illegal immigrant drug-dealers are viewed more favorably in the eyes of the minister of immigration?

Please look at the UK and Germany as examples of what not to do, and with every decision, ask yourself 'Will this person make New Zealand better?'. I look forward to hearing your response on how Karel Sroubek will make this great country even better. I find it hard to comprehend how you came to this decision, and how it is worth the negative media attention and I'm sure many other letter like this.

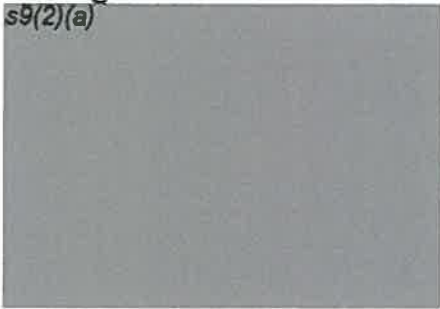
Thanks,  
s9(2)(a)

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

s9(2)(a)  
Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:14 AM  
Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Karel Sroubek

A disgraceful decision.

s9(2)(a)



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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 9:28 AM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Cc:** Golriz Ghahraman; Hon David Parker; Hon Dr Nick Smith; J Shaw (MIN); Hon Paula Bennett; Hon Simon Bridges; s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** 'Wayne Mapp'  
What the Parole Board said

## What the Parole Board said

Here's the Parole Board decision on Karel Sroubek or Jan Antolik. Extracts:

- *evident however on his own admissions to the Board at the hearing before us that he was at that time associating with criminal elements in the Czech Republic*
- *has continued to do so is evident from his index offending which involved him being in contact with somebody that he had known in the Czech Republic (and we bear in mind that he left that country some 11 years ago now) who he says persuaded him to become involved in importing ecstasy through his importing business.*
- *admits to having associated with members of the Hells Angels gang*
- *his responses were self-exculpatory, evasive, long winded and ultimately in our view in many respects manifestly untruthful*

Basically he was a criminal in the Czech Republic, he carried on being a criminal here, working with his criminal mates back home. He is associated with the Hells Angels and is a liar.

The PM says she backs her Minister's decision to grant him permanent residency in NZ. She also won't say why but at best we can guess they believe his story that he would be at risk from police officers if sent back to the Czech Republic.

Considering the Parole Board has concluded he is a liar, have they considered that his entire story is a lie? That he left the Czech Republic to avoid prosecution there?

The Czech Republic is in the EU. It isn't North Korea or Iran. It is a first world country. His story is self-serving, and I bet you the Government has just accepted his word, rather than verified his claims.

The Minister should take note of the Parole Board's conclusion that he is a liar and a risk to the public, and deport him once he is out of prison rather than grant his permanent residency through special dispensation.



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[www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)



-----Original Message-----

From: s9(2)(a)  
Sent: Wednesday, 31 October 2018 9:04 AM  
To: Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz>  
Subject: Residency for Karel Sroubek

Dear Jacinda

Below is a copy of an email sent yesterday to Iain Lees-Galloway

Surely part of creating a kind and considerate society is recognizing that some members of that society will continue to act selfishly and continue to cause harm to that society. If those people have repeatedly demonstrated an unwillingness to change and they are illegally residing in NZ they should be removed.

Karel Sroubek has made his selfish decisions and must suffer the consequences.

To allow him to stay because 'something bad' might happen when he returns to his country does an extreme disservice to all law abiding citizens of New Zealand

Regards

s9(2)(a)

Dear Iain

I have never in my 59 years contacted a politician but I am so appalled by your recent actions granting Karel Sroubek residency that I feel compelled to attempt to contact you.

I understood that elected officials were there to serve the interests of the greater public.

How is it in the interests of the greater public that he be allowed to stay in NZ?

If deportation to his homeland places him in some jeopardy then surely he should have considered that prior to committing multiple criminal offenses?

If you really believe that he will now 'turn over a new leaf' then you are completely out of touch and should not be in a position of power.

He will, in all likelihood, go on to be involved in causing harm to legitimate New Zealand citizens and the blame for aiding and abetting him will lay squarely at your feet.

Regards

s9(2)(a)

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 8:17 AM  
**To:** Hon Iain Lees Galloway  
**Cc:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Subject:** Karel Sroubek

Another day passes and this criminal is still allowed to stay. Do your job properly (government) or stand down s9(2)(a)

Sent from my iPad

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From: s9(2)(a)  
Sent: Tuesday, 30 October 2018 10:48 AM  
To: Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz>  
Subject: s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

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RIGHT HONOURABLE DAVID LANGE PERSONALLY WROTE TO ME IN 1990.

WHERE ARE YOU FOR ME JACINDA ?

I CANNOT BELIEVE WHAT YOUR COUNTRY HAS DONE TO ME !

s9(2)(a)

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THREE (3) STORIES BELOW

#1 NZ [breaking] — P.M. ARDERN AND CZECH DRUG SMUGGLING

Out of Scope

#1 NZ [breaking] — P.M. ARDERN AND CZECH DRUG SMUGGLING

DOUBLE STANDARDS,  
YOU TOTALLY EVIL 'KIWI' NATION !

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/jacinda-ardern-defends-decision-not-deport-czech-drug-smuggler-theres-other-information-obviously>

----- [TRANSCRIPT] -----

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern spoke out this morning in defence of her immigration minister and his controversial decision to stop the deportation of a Czech drug smuggler.



"This was a very difficult decision, and it doesn't happen often," Ms Ardern told Breakfast host Jack Tame of the case, in which MP Iain Lees-Galloway used his power of absolute discretion. "It does point to the fact this is a tough job having discretion in cases like this."

Mr Lees-Galloway was forced yesterday to release a letter outlining strict conditions set for Karel Sroubek to stay in New Zealand. Mr Sroubek, who previously came to New Zealand under the alias Jan Antolik, is serving a five years and nine months prison sentence for importing about \$375,000 worth of ecstasy into New Zealand.

"I've given him one final chance to remain in New Zealand and live within our laws," Mr Lees-Galloway said.

Mr Lees-Galloway declined to cite his specific reasoning for the decision, and Ms Ardern followed suit today.

"It's pretty obvious that on the face of it someone with this kind of offending to their name would usually be a quite straight forward deportation," she said. "And so there's obviously information that the minister has had to consider which has made this a tough decision for him..."

"There's other information, obviously, the minister had in front of him that skewed his decision."

Generally speaking, there are some cases in which authorities have to factor in New Zealand's expectations under international convention, she said, pointing out that Sroubek was a resident of New Zealand prior to his conviction.

"This is an individual who already had residency, albeit under a false name, which is something that does happen from time to time when an individual claims that they are at risk if they use their original identity," she said.

The conditions set for Sroubek, 37, include not being convicted of another offence, assuming another fraudulent identity or concealing information from government agencies. The conditions will begin after his release from prison and last for five years.

Out of Scope



**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern; s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Re: Karel Sroubek

I agree with you.

Kind regards,

s9(2)(a)

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On Tue, 30 Oct 2018 at 09:27, s9(2)(a) wrote:

Dear Madam Prime Minister,

I do not know the explanations you gave Mike Hosking this morning about this criminal.

It is obvious your Minister has allowed a criminal to buy NZ citizenship in exchange for information. A dangerous principle now open to any world criminal, after consideration of course.

The second dangerous principle is that the Minister has reduced the court's penalty, part of which was deportation. To buy a reduction in Court sentence through Ministerial interference, Open the doors to corruption.

This is an extremely serious principle, and as such must surely have been sanctioned by your Cabinet if not the entire Parliament.

The best you can do now, is get the Minister to resign.

Then get Mr Sroubek a false passport, ( he is adept at using them)

And pay for his air ticket to Australia.

Maybe the Minister could go with him.

Yours sincerely

s9(2)(a)



**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Cc:** Hon Iain Lees Galloway  
**Subject:** Karel Sroubek

Dear Ministers

We are horrified to hear that Labour is granting residency to a convicted felon, and that he only has to behave for five years after his release from prison. He needs to behave himself for his lifetime-everyone else is supposed to. The Parole Board obviously feel he is untrustworthy. Send him back! It should be a privilege to live here in our beautiful country, not the right of any criminal arriving here illegally and continuing to commit crimes as Mr. Sroubek has.

We voted Labour in the last election believing we would be presented with sensible judgements but now feel very let down. A lot of our Labour supporter friends are also very disappointed with this judgement. Please reconsider.

Kind Regards

s9(2)(a)

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 October 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <[Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Reading between the lines?

Good morning Prime Minister

I have greatly admired how you listen to New Zealanders in the active listening mode. Thank you.

I now respectfully ask that you take time to actively read my email below to Mr. Lees-Galloway for I have taken time to communicate my very strong feelings over this residency decision.

They, I am sure, replicate the disgust and strong feelings of the vast majority of decent New Zealanders who find your personal, political and public endorsement of this decision unfathomable and totally what we have striven for throughout our lives s9(2)(a)

Our disgust over this decision is given oxygen by the fact that IF he re-offends then he will definitely be deported!

Once again Prime Minister thank you for 'doing Harry & Meghan' and taking genuine notice of the my email by reading my email below this one to Mr Lees-Galloway.

I respectfully await your reply.

Regards

s9(2)(a)

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Decision making

**From:** s9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2018, 10:56 PM

**To:** [iain.lees-galloway@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:iain.lees-galloway@parliament.govt.nz)

**CC:**

Hello Iain

**Sub:** Inmate Sroubek

**Ref:** Granting him N.Z. residency

I am a s9(2)(a) decent New Zealander with no criminal convictions who is s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a) who has striven tirelessly to make our country a better place and our youngsters appreciate the values of contributing meaningfully to society in our great country!

That said, and despite our Prime Minister endorsing your decision to grant this person N.Z residency NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING justifies this person being afforded any special treatment.

He shouldnt even be in prison at all, at enormous cost to us as tax payers, he should be deported immediately!

PLEASE show some intellect, some spine, some understanding of the feelings of the New Zealanders who voted for you and rescind your earlier decision. Listen to our country, hear what they are saying about this decision of yours.

By all means use discretion in your decision making but NOT for those with a criminal history like this man!

It is NOT our governments job to 'save' the world let alone exploiters and dishonest people of his ilk!

s9(2)(a)

Sir, please dont allow such peoples who cheat their way into our beautiful country courtesy of dishonest pre-meditated actions deliberately designed to deceive and exploit our vulnerable kiwis based on personal greed, to be afforded any leniency what so ever!

Win back the respect of the hundreds of thousands of kiwis who have been insulted by your decision by revisiting this case to rescind your earlier decision and do an Australian.....Deport him immediately at NO further cost to our taxpayers!

I remain a decent, hard working kiwi who has given a lifetime to enhance what is good in my country and to ensure I leave it a much better country for the future generations than when I was born into it!

I dont expect it or appreciate that my efforts, along with the vast majority of other New Zealanders are rendered completely useless by protecting immigrants like this one who was 'rotten' before he arrived and who has 'muled' class A drugs to adversely impact our society in such a callous and criminal manner.

He is the mule Mr Lees- Galloway so please don't make yourself an ass in the eyes of our decent, law abiding New Zealanders.

He is obviously a very clever man and has an equally clever legal team but his type of intelligence is not what we want or need!

Have him gone by Christmas Mr Lees- Galloway!

Regards

s9(2)(a)



**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 7:53 AM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern; Office of Stuart Nash MP; Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
**Subject:** Just goes to show how out of touch you lot are.....

You Labour LOT ars so lost and out of touch with the average New Zealander and Voter.  
This Minister requires sacking, and as for Labour and this Col Government TIME to go.

Couple struggling to remain in NZ disgusted drug dealer Karel Sroubek was granted residency

Link to full story.....

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/108183724/couple-struggling-to-remain-in-nz-disgusted-drug-dealer-karel-sroubek-was-granted-residency>

Yet this couple who had a legitimate business were told NO and had to leave what a shambles.....

Regards s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 6:57 AM  
**To:** jacinda@jacinda.co.nz; Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Subject:** Not a good one either

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2018/10/not-an-easy-one-jacinda-ardern-defends-decision-to-grant-drug-lord-karel-sroubek-residency.html>

Not good at all. I voted for you this last election.

Regards

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2018 9:46 PM  
**To:** Hon Kris Faafoi; Hon Iain Lees-Galloway; Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Subject:** Giving residency to lying and evasive crims

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/108183724/couple-struggling-to-remain-in-nz-disgusted-drug-dealer-karel-sroubek-was-granted-residency>

It's just a disgrace really isn't it?  
What the hell do you think you are doing?

Don't bother replying, spend your time trying to achieve something worthwhile for once

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2018 4:06 PM  
**To:** Hon Iain Lees Galloway  
**Cc:** simon.bridges@national.org.nz  
**Subject:** Karel Sroubek

Further to my email to Iain Lees Galloway today the conditions put on this criminal is pathetic and he should be kicked out of New Zealand tomorrow. This just sends a news flash around the world that we are a soft touch. So much for open Government s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2018 2:17 PM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern; Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
**Subject:** Just goes to show how fit you are to be a Minister Reply Please.....

## Couple struggling to remain in NZ disgusted drug dealer Karel Sroubek was granted residency

Link to the Full story.....

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/108183724/couple-struggling-to-remain-in-nz-disgusted-drug-dealer-karel-sroubek-was-granted-residency>

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Their most recent application was declined because s9(2)(a) had already reached the limit of sponsoring two residency applications – a previous one by s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a) said on Monday Lees-Galloway's decision to grant Sroubek permanent residency "disgusts me beyond belief".

"I just feel upset that somebody with a conviction, who's currently in jail, can get what appears to be any easy bus ticket into New Zealand, whereas people like us are trying to do things honestly, and we get taken down at any opportunity, without being shown any compassion or leniency whatsoever."

Get out of Parliament NOW....

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2018 12:54 PM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Cc:** Golriz Ghahraman; Hon David Parker; Hon Dr Nick Smith; J Shaw (MIN); Hon Paula Bennett; Hon Simon Bridges; s9(2)(a)  
s9(2)(a) 'Wayne Mapp'  
**Subject:** Labour's crim-hugging extends to letting a lying, violent drug dealer get residency while still in prison

## Labour's crim-hugging extends to letting a lying, violent drug dealer get residency while still in prison

October 29, 2018 at 8:30am



Iain Lees-Galloway should have stuck to filching press gallery booze, because he's had a real 'mare in allowing a lying, violent drug dealer get residency while still in prison;

**A convicted drug smuggler has been handed an unprecedented get-out-of-jail card: instead of being deported after serving his prison sentence, the Government has granted him New Zealand residency.**

**Minister of Immigration Iain Lees-Galloway has made a special decision to grant the 37-year-old Czech national residency, even though he came to New Zealand on a false passport and is now serving time in Auckland South prison for importing drugs with a street value of \$375,000.**

**Karel Sroubek fled to New Zealand with a friend's passport in 2003. He claimed he was on the run from corrupt cops after witnessing a murder. Under the name Jan Antolik he built a new life as a businessman, a representative-level kickboxer, and a Hells Angels associate.**

**When the law caught up with him, he admitted his criminal ties in the Czech Republic – but he seemed unable to escape old habits with several brushes with NZ Police over the past 15 years.**

**Sroubek has faced several charges, relating to drugs and robbery. But was either acquitted or had his convictions overturned – until he was found guilty of using his drink importation business as a front to smuggle 5kg of MDMA, which is used to make the drug Ecstasy. He was jailed for five years and nine months.**

**He was refused parole last month: Parole Board panel convenor Judge Phil Gittos said he gave "evasive, long-winded and ... in many respects manifestly untruthful" responses.**

So, Labour has allowed residency for a violent, gang associate, drug dealer. They really are taking crim-hugging to whole new depths with this one.



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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2018 12:24 PM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern; Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
**Subject:** URGENT - Kickboxer Jan Antolik, whose real name is Karel Sroubek, is a Czech national who was jailed for importing MDMA into New Zealand. While in prison, Immigration Minister Iain Lees-Galloway granted him permanent residency.

Kickboxer Jan Antolik, whose real name is Karel Sroubek, is a Czech national who was jailed for importing MDMA into New Zealand. While in prison, Immigration Minister Iain Lees-Galloway granted him permanent residency.

There is something that stinks in the Labour Party.....

A convicted drug smuggler has been handed an unprecedented get-out-of-jail card: instead of being deported after serving his prison sentence, the Government has granted him New Zealand residency.

Minister of immigration Iain Lees-Galloway has made a special decision to grant the 37-year-old Czech national residency, even though he came to New Zealand on a false passport and is now serving time in Auckland South prison for importing drugs with a street value of \$375,000.

Yet this Minister deported a Mother with children born in NZ for coming illegally WHY?...

It's about time a NEW election was called NOW

I would like a response from Jacinda PM and also a response from this CRAP Minister Iain Lees-Galloway.

Regards s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 28 October 2018 3:59 PM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern; Green Party Co leader James Shaw; Rt. Hon. Winston Peters  
**Cc:** I Lees-Galloway (MIN)  
**Subject:** I cannot understand what drives this government?

A convicted drug smuggler has been handed an unprecedented get-out-of-jail card: instead of being deported after serving his prison sentence, the Government has granted him New Zealand residency.

Minister of Immigration Ian Lees-Galloway has made a special decision to grant the 37-year-old Czech national residency, even though he came to New Zealand on a false passport and is now serving time in Auckland South prison for importing drugs with a street value of \$375,000.

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 28 October 2018 3:12 PM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Subject:** Re Jan Stroubek

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Can you please tell me why we have granted NZ residency to a drug importing, aggressive, Hells Angel who has a record for assault ?? Excuse me but I certainly would not like to meet this person on the street. He has not been granted parole, so that is a clear indication of his ability to be a lawful citizen.

If he has a problem with the Czech republic police then let him deal with it. There are far more deserving cases to get residency.

Please do not send this on to Ian Lees Galloway – I have already done so. I want a reply from Jacinda. I want the truth, and I think many New Zealanders want the truth. Can you please supply it. If there is some benefit from keeping this individual in New Zealand I think we all have a right to know. Brushing it under the carpet is very very not a good look.

Best regards,

s9(2)(a)

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 28 October 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern; Office of Stuart Nash MP; Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
**Subject:** What a disgrace this Labour Government has become Deport a MOTHER with Children yet this piece of CRAP is to stay and also granted NZ residency and a NZ Passport.....

You Labour MP's are a disgrace.

Yet you cannot look out for a Mother with children have a stay you deported her.

Yet you let this criminal not only stay but also give him residency.

Kickboxer Jan Antolik, whose real name is Karel Sroubek, is a Czech national who was jailed for importing MDMA into New Zealand. While in prison, Immigration Minister Iain Lees-Galloway granted him permanent residency.

### Jailed drug-dealer escapes deportation as Government grants him NZ residency

Link to full story.....

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/108155476/jailed-drugdealer-escapes-deportation-as-govt-grants-him-nz-residency-behind-bars>

Regards s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)



**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 28 October 2018 8:44 AM  
**To:** J Arden (MIN)  
**Subject:** Criminal

Hi Miss Arden

I can't believe your giving a convicted criminal residency in New Zealand. I hope he is Restricted to Palmerston North. What a soft government.

Regards s9(2)(a)

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**From:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 November 2018 2:30 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Submission on Antolik / Sroubek

Dear s9(2)(a)

I am writing to acknowledge your email to the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, about Jan Antolik/ Karel Sroubek. Thank you for writing.  
Best wishes

s9(2)(a)

Office of the Prime Minister

Authorised by Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern MP, Parliament Buildings Wellington 6012

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**From:** s9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Sunday, 11 November 2018 2:16 PM

**To:** J Ardern (MIN) <[j.ardern@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:j.ardern@ministers.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** W Peters (MIN) <[W.Peters@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:W.Peters@ministers.govt.nz)>; Hon Iain Lees-Galloway <[Iain.Lees-Galloway@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Iain.Lees-Galloway@parliament.govt.nz)>; K Faafoi (MIN) <[k.faafoi@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:k.faafoi@ministers.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Submission on Antolik / Sroubek

11 November 2018

Dear Prime Minister (copy Hon Winston Peters, Hon Iain Lees-Galloway, Hon Kris Faafoi)

Jan Antolik / Karel Sroubek

I am writing to share with you my thoughts on this saga. I have been following it with keen interest because, as you may possibly be aware:

- s9(2)(a)
- s9(2)(a) I can understand and appreciate the dilemma and subsequent quandary that Minister Lees-Galloway has found himself.

Attached is a timeline for your consideration.

Black type: a believed factual statement on an event / situation re Antolik / Sroubek  
Blue type: my observations / comments  
Red type: questions that I believe need to be asked

You have confirmed that Immigration New Zealand has been directed by Minister Lees-Galloway as its highest priority to investigate this matter and report back within three weeks. I agree that it is imperative for the credibility of the Government, the credibility of our immigration process, that there is an investigation. However, I believe it is inappropriate for INZ to conduct this investigation because:

1. INZ have admitted that they did not provide all relevant information to Minister Lees-Galloway
2. Michael Woodhouse blames INZ for the inaction over Antolik / Sroubek by himself and his predecessors (Jonathan Coleman and Nathan Guy)
3. Deputy Prime Minister Peters is also reported as indicating his belief that INZ is largely to blame for the Antolik / Sroubek debacle (something I agree with)
4. The actions and judgements of various judges needs to be assessed / analysed, and it is inappropriate for INZ to do this.
5. It is a massive conflict of interest for INZ, given it appears the party that has had the primary involvement in "screwing up" this situation is INZ

I remain puzzled at how Minister Lees-Galloway managed to convince himself that granting (confirming) residence for Sroubek was the appropriate action. However, I am also well aware, s9(2)(a) that the Minister's decision is often only as good as the advice he has received.

I am also of the opinion that Minister lees-Galloway should not resign or be dismissed as Minister of Immigration – and at least not until a full independent report has been considered.

I do not, and have not, agreed with all immigration decisions made by Minister Lees-Galloway and/or Minister Faafoi. However, in my opinion (and I believe by the great majority of s9(2)(a)), those ministers inherited an INZ that was dysfunctional and riddled with incompetence.

INZ has always been a target for dissatisfaction, disappointment frustration, and given the responsibilities they have, always will be. However, it is a situation that has deteriorated massively over the period of the 9 years of the National led government.

Regards

s9(2)(a)

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**TimeLine of events for Jan Antolik / Karel Sroubek**  
**With questions and comments by s9(2)(a)**

2003	Jan Antolik enters New Zealand
2003 – 2008	Jan Antolik lives and works in New Zealand, without apparent incident. He wins a world championship belt in Muay Thai kick boxing.
2008	<p>s9(2)(a) New Zealand residence visa under the provisions of immigration instruction RW3, “the Talent ( Art, Culture and Sports) work policy”.</p> <p>Jan Antolik is granted a residence visa.</p> <p>s9(2)(a)</p>
October 2009	<p>Immigration New Zealand and the New Zealand Police are informed by Czech authorities that Jan Antolik is actually Karel Sroubek and that he fraudulently used the passport in the name of Jan Antolik.</p> <p>The standard procedure in cases of false passport use, especially where the person has gained NZ residence status using that passport, would be for INZ to immediately inform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antolik / Sroubek that:</li> <li>• His residence visa would be cancelled</li> <li>• He was liable for deportation under sections 156(1)(b) and 158(1)(b) and issue a Deportation Liability Notice (DLN)</li> <li>• The Minister of Immigration (Jonathan Coleman)</li> </ul> <p>Did INZ inform Sroubek?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If they did, what did they tell him?</li> <li>• If not, why not?</li> <li>• Did INZ issue him a DLN, if not, why not?</li> </ul> <p>Did INZ inform Jonathan Coleman?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If they did, what did they tell him?</li> <li>• If they did, why didn't Coleman have him deported?</li> <li>• If not, why did INZ not inform Coleman?</li> </ul> <p>This discovery gives rise to the issue of what visa(s), if any, did INZ grant to Karel Sroubek from the discovery of the false passport in 2009, until 2018.</p> <p>Did INZ cancel the residence visa granted to Jan Antolik, given that INZ now knew that there was no Jan Antolik living in New Zealand? And if not, why not?</p> <p>What visa(s), if any, did INZ grant to Karel Sroubek from the discovery of the false passport in 2009, until 2018?</p> <p>And if they didn't grant Sroubek a visa(s) why was that?</p>

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2009? 2010?	<p>INZ arrest and charge Antolik / Sroubek under section 156(1)(a) and/or 158(1)(a) with possessing and using a false passport.</p> <p>The arrest and charging of Antolik / Sroubek still doesn't prevent INZ / Minister of Immigration from pursuing the deportation of Antolik / Sroubek under section 156(1)(b) and/or 158(1)(b).</p> <p>When was Sroubek arrested and charged with possessing and using a false passport?</p>
2009	<p>Purchases a house on the North Shore for \$409,000 using cash.</p> <p>Where did this money come from? It is believed that his IRD records do not show that he reported earnings sufficient to have such cash. Media reports he reported zero income for 2009.</p>
2009	<p>Karel Sroubek plus two Hells Angels is arrested and charged with aggravated robbery and kidnapping. Found not guilty.</p> <p>However, Sroubek could have already been deported.</p> <p>Why hadn't INZ already deported him? Did INZ ever initiate deportation proceedings against Antolik/Sroubek for a false passport? And if not, why not.</p>
2009	<p>Despite opposition from NZ Police, the courts twice allow Karel Sroubek to depart New Zealand, ostensibly back to the Czech Republic.</p> <p>What passport(s) or other travel document(s) did Sroubek use each time to depart New Zealand?</p> <p>What passport(s) or other travel document(s) did Sroubek use each time to re-enter New Zealand?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did he use the Antolik passport?</li> <li>• Did he use a Sroubek passport?</li> <li>• Did he use some other travel document?</li> <li>• And if he used some other travel document, which country issued it?</li> </ul> <p>What visa(s) did Sroubek use each time to re-enter New Zealand? And if he entered on a visa as Sroubek, why did INZ issue him a visa?</p> <p>This is possibly the most important question of all. One presumes that it was because the judge(s) granted him bail thus allowing him to leave New Zealand, but that did not include (so I understand) the court ordering INZ to grant Sroubek a re-entry visa and/or ordering INZ to grant Sroubek a travel document.</p> <p>It was reported by Radio NZ that the court judgment stated that: "Mr Antolik duly went to Europe and returned in compliance with the conditions of the bail variation."</p>

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	<p>There were a number of conditions attached: he was given a 20-day window to travel, during which the District Court at Auckland would return his passport to him, to be returned to the High Court once he arrived back in New Zealand.</p> <p>This condition of the court begs the question:</p> <p>What passport was the judge ordering to be returned to Sroubek? The false Antolik passport? Or a "new" Sroubek passport?</p> <p>And if it was the false Antolik passport, that begs the further question of:</p> <p>Why was the judge ordering the return of a false passport to allow Sroubek to travel the world under the false identity of Jan Antolik?</p>
2009 - 2011	<p>Karel Sroubek is arrested for having and using a false passport.</p> <p>However, Sroubek could have already been deported.</p> <p>Why didn't INZ just deport him instead of prosecuting him for a false passport?</p>
2011	<p>As part of "Operation Ark", Sroubek was charged for being a party to the manufacture of a Class C controlled drug. He was convicted, but in 2014 that conviction was quashed, and a retrial never went ahead.</p> <p>Still didn't prevent INZ and/or Minister Guy (and later Minister Woodhouse) to take steps to deport Sroubek under sections 156(1)(b) and /or 158(1)(b) of the Immigration Act.</p>
2012	<p>It is reported that Sroubek convicted for supplying false information to the Immigration, and of having a false passport. Judge Wade discharged Sroubek without conviction, avoiding any risk of deportation.</p> <p>It is correct that Judge Wade's decision removed the risk of deportation under sections 156(1)(a) and /or 158(1)(a) of the Immigration Act. However, Judge Wade's decision had no bearing / relevancy to the ability of the Minister of Immigration (Nathan Guy) to deport him under sections 156(1)(b) and /or 158(1)(b) of the Immigration Act.</p> <p>Why didn't INZ and/or Minister Guy (later Minister Woodhouse) take steps to deport Sroubek under sections 156(1)(b) and /r 158(1)(b) of the Immigration Act.</p>
2013	<p>An arrest warrant was issued for Karel Sroubek by Czech authorities, having been sentenced to four years and six months in prison in the Czech Republic.</p> <p>Was this reported by INZ to the Minister of Immigration (Woodhouse)?</p> <p>Did INZ inform Minister Woodhouse of the arrest warrant for Sroubek? If not, why not?</p>
2014	<p>Sroubek is arrested again; this time for importing 5kg of MDMA, a Class-B controlled drug, used in Ecstasy, with a street value of \$375,000.</p>



June 2016	<p>Sroubek is jailed for more than five years for importing 5kg of MDMA.</p>
19 SEP 2018	<p>At 4:30pm, Minister Lees-Galloway meets with INZ officials to discuss the Karel Sroubek case.</p> <p>INZ confirmed the case file was hundreds of pages long, with a 12 page summary, and did not include documentation showing the Czech drug smuggler had returned to Europe.</p> <p>Minister confirms that he made the decision to grant Sroubek residency after less than 1 hour reviewing the Sroubek file.</p> <p>How did this case end up on Minister Lees-Galloway's desk?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had Sroubek put in a request for residence status as Sroubek?</li> <li>• If so, when and how did INZ receive this request?</li> <li>• Who was the Minister of Immigration at the time this request for residence status made?</li> </ul>
October 2018	<p>It is reported in the media that the Czech Republic Consul General to New Zealand, Hana Flanderova, says that NZ authorities informed her that the deportation order is still pending.</p> <p>Which New Zealand authority informed Consul General Flanderova? Ministry of Foreign Affairs? Immigration New Zealand? NZ Police?</p> <p>What is the exact transcript of what Consul General Flanderova was told?</p>
31 OCT 2008	<p>It is reported that Minister Lees-Galloway ordered a full-scale investigation as INZ's top priority into convicted Czech drug smuggler Karel Sroubek, after he has received contradictory information. The Minister directed INZ to report back within 3 weeks.</p> <p>What was this contradictory information?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was it of such magnitude that it would have resulted in a different decision?</li> <li>• If yes, why was it of such magnitude?</li> </ul> <p>Why do INZ need 3 weeks? They should be able to do that in a few days.</p>
unknown	<p>Karel Sroubek's ex-wife supports his application to stay in New Zealand and to be granted a residence visa under the name of Karel Sroubek.</p> <p>Have no opinion on the relevance of this to Sroubek's request for residence.</p>
unknown	<p>Karel Sroubek's ex-wife takes out a restraining order.</p> <p>Have no opinion on the relevance of this to Sroubek's request for residence.</p>



s9(2)(a) 28 October 2018:

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Just wondering that seeing we've added 150 more police we feel the need to grant residency to convicted drug dealing criminals?

Be assured this will come back and be an election issue

s9(2)(a) 28 October 2018:

[/www.stuff.co.nz/national/108155476/jailed-drugdealer-escapes-deportation-as-govt-grants-him-nz-residency-behind-bars.html](http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/108155476/jailed-drugdealer-escapes-deportation-as-govt-grants-him-nz-residency-behind-bars.html)

This is NOT RIGHT

s9(2)(a) 28 October 2018:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/108155476/jailed-drugdealer-escapes-deportation-as-govt-grants-him-nz-residency-behind-bars>

This is the dodgiest thing I have seen your government do, as a Labour voter I am really not happy to see this happening.

s9(2)(a) 28 October 2018:

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Stuff  
4 hrs · 🌐

Instead of being deported after serving his prison sentence, the Government has granted a Czech drug smuggler residency.



STUFF.CO.NZ  
Jailed drug-dealer escapes deportation as Government grants him NZ residency

s9(2)(a)

I hope that you pass on this disgusting residency approval to Jacinda! Seriously!!

s9(2)(a)

-30 October 2018

Hiya, Iain honestly has got it wrong with this Czech man and it's not going to blow over so easily. He will re-offend, he's dangerous and puts New Zealanders in danger.

This isn't what INZ is suppose to make people feel

INZ makes mistakes all the time and I recognise this. False negatives threats are often denied entry all the time and this isn't so bad as it only slightly affects our tourism numbers but when we let a True positive offender in to our country it makes our people feel insecure.

A true leader can admit their mistakes and it's a lot easy for the public to hear that Iain and INZ got it wrong rather than having the public believe that INZ has zero concern for the safety of NZers. I have contacted Iain's page as well.

s9(2)(a)

-30 October 2018

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/108183724/Couple-struggling-to-remain-in-NZ-disgusted-drug-dealer-Karel-Sroubek-was-granted-residency>

This is unacceptable, as long time Labour supporter and voter, I am disgusted with that decision, and how we are treating people like this in the article.

s9(2)(a)

30 October 2018

ai am absolutely disgusted by your govt giving convicted criminal residential visa when you deny residency to normal everyday good people. For example I quote MP Matt King "Juliet Garcia has to leave New Zealand when her work visa expires next year, and this convicted drug smuggler gets residence. I don't understand," he said.' There is absolutely no way this can be justified, I am totally disgusted with you and this government for being so unfair. Since when do we become a sanctuary for convicted criminals

s9(2)(a)

31 October 2018

Kia Ora. Yes I understand the reasoning behind keeping this man safe but at the cost of potentially endangering the lives of New Zealanders? If it was just passport fraud then that's not threatening our people but he's been part of gang related activities and he bought drugs into the country. Why are we even giving him a chance? It's black and white if you want safety and refuge in New Zealand, don't try to import drugs. Of that, we found him guilty.

He's already broken the law and retrospectively broken his conditions.

s9(2)(a)

-30 October 2018:

Dear Jacinda, I have found listening about the story of Karel Sroubek being allowed to stay in NZ, while I as a NZ Citizen along with my wife, tried for our family from s9(2)(a) to come to NZ for a holiday have their visitor visa declined. I am a s9(2)(a) and followed everything asked for on the sponsorship form and still their visa was declined and yet someone who has been accused of selling drugs is allowed to stay. I am asking for justice and the right to have my family visit us for Christmas. I have written a letter to you, the Minister of Immigration, the Associate Minister of Immigration and also the CEO of immigration and would like a quick response. So far the advice we have had is to simply reapply, which means paying again for the applications, the changing of return tickets and the couriering of passports. I look forward to your response. Kind regards s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

Thanks s9(2)(a) I can understand the difficulty the Minister of Immigration has with these cases. However it does feel that as a NZ citizen born in NZ that I have been denied the right of having family members come to my country for a holiday - I don't feel this has been considered carefully whatsoever. I've been in touch with the associate minister of immigration and have now been referred back to Immigration with a 25 working day response time. I have asked for a legal reason for the decline of the visitor visas for my family as well as a alternative to having to reapply, which means paying more money and the possibility of the visas being declined again. I have had hundreds of people in my community confused by the decision to deny our families visitor visas that I sponsored. I would like some answers rather than being referred from place to place. Many thanks s9(2)(a)



s9(2)(a) 31 October 2018:

just listened to the discourse with Mike Hoskings regarding your drug peddling mate whom you have allowed to stay in this country,ans

and I have one thing to ask.....who are you protecting??? Who in the labour party bought drugs from this dude?? Open and transparent.....fuck me!

s9(2)(a) 2 November 2018:

i have one other matter that is breaking my heart and if you dont mind i will share with you. Looking for solution.

i applied some years ago maybe 2 or 3 for a visa for my fiancee who is a s9(2)(a) citizen.

i am a kiwi citizen.

As we do we find someone we become endeared to enough to seek marriage. So we applied to bring him here to do this.

This situation is mutual understandably.

i am of the muslim faith.

So is he. We want to marry quietly and feel we dont want a big hooaha as we are older and more private personalities. It is permissable in islam to be private much like we would have a registry office marriage in the west.

We were declined by immigration on those grounds.

this year we reapplied and again declined on the same grounds. This time we had legal help and more support from friends family.

I just want to say we love and respect each other dearly we just want to get on with our lives neither of us is a criminal and we may wish to reside in s9(2)(a) in near future. we want to marry soon as possible as i have serious health issues and he wants to take care me for whatever time i have left. i would love that.

I myself think the Immigration officer is just fobbing us off and i feel so slighted. Where is our rights when an Asian billionaire criminal gets instant citizenship. Or rich Americans get residency with no problems. And yet us who have done or are doing nothing bad cant have our rights to choose who we love?

I was notified by my lawyer s9(2)(a) that we are declined for same reason of marriage ceremony not good enough. Have we no right to choose and marry who we love and to get on with our miserable lives?

Thankyou for your time.

Kind regards s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a) - 7 November 2018



Kia Ora PM Jacinda Ardern,

s9(2)(a) live in s9(2)(a) writing this email to address you about my immigration matter . Today immigration new zealand declined my partnership based work visa and am liable for deportation . My partner is NZ citizen - s9(2)(a) . We are in relationship since 1 and half year provided every single proof and evidences since than . The worst feeling is a father not being able to work and haven't even bought any baby stuff yet.

My concern is government is giving residency to criminals . What about us ? I don't even have a single speed ticket since day one in New Zealand.

Hope you reply me back after reading this message.

s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a) – 8 November 2018

Hi, I know this wont get to you, Miss Ardern please can you all take a look around. My home New Zealand is over crowded by people who say Kiwi people are nice and friendly. Yes we are but Miss Ardern we who you do not see are being abused and called racists because our kiwi beliefs are being trashed. We who were born here are homeless because Helen opened our doors and welcomed those she thought were less fortunate than us. Then Helen moved on to a better life but forgot to close the doors now we are overrun with too many tourist who think that Maori and Islanders are lower than these visitors. I never grew up with racism now i get called racist because i am a strong women. A Kenyan man said to me know your place women. We in NZ do not hire kiwi's because we are not cheap labour, we lose teachers overseas because they get paid more, our kids have to suffer because you and the last government do not think our kids are worth it. You and the last government are blind to road accidents and juvenile delinquents. Our young are dieing because we are ignoring them. In my younger days i loved working it felt like a family atmosphere now employees are bullies. Employees are a danger to their staff both mentally and physically and unions are paid off to not help. Dairy owners are a danger on themselves. My dairy owner sold his dairy he was amazing i called him s9(2)(a) him and his family were our family but it was time for him to retire. The new dairy owner has more cigarettes in their cabinet than groceries in their shop. I do not shop there anymore. Immigration is a joke you and the last govnmnt have deported good people who never committed any wrong but you put in our jails those who should be deported. You have let overseas people buy our homes and land yet my children who i worked hard for who are now working hard and never committed a crime are not able to afford to buy their first home. My beef farmers live stock are endangered because visitors bring things that hurt our industry. My sea food is poisoned and becoming less because our rules are not taken seriously. Tane Mahuta and his children are dieing. People walk through to see these wonders but the rules that are out there to save these trees are ignored even laughed at. But if we say anything to stop these rule breakers we are called stupid racists. Miss Ardern we only have two big Islands and a few little ones around that makes up Aotearoa. We are not big like Europe and America my home is sinking my people are being abused our beliefs and our nice kiwi nature are been called shit and racist. Thanks for your time.

Received  
- 7 JAN 2018  
Office of Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

s9(2)(a)

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
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12 November 2018

Dear Prime Minister

Outside Scope

Is it possible to get him in as a refugee or expedite his residency seeing as the Hon Iain Lees-Galloway has just recently awarded Karel Sroubek a criminal, with residency into this beautiful country of ours? Outside Scope

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

s9(2)(a)

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Received

10 JAN 2018

Office of Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Dear Jacinda,

I am writing this letter to say thank you for standing by Iain Lees-Galloway over the Karel Sroubek issue. While I understand that the issue has likely caused you and the government a significant headache, I do not believe this should have resulted in him being removed from the cabinet table, and that one serious screw up should not overshadow a minister who has been excellent in his portfolios.

Iain is the man who got me involved with our party. He was, and still is, a great representative for the people of Palmerston North, he has handled all roles throughout his time in parliament exceptionally, and he believe he is one of the finest ministers in your government, along with Andrew Little and yourself. He still inspires me with his work, and I'm glad he will be continuing. Thank you for standing by him.

On another note, I hope you and your family had a Merry Christmas and are enjoying the new year so far. I'm sure you and Clarke were excited for Nave's first Christmas and are hoping to have a good and relaxing holiday after so much travel, public speaking and enduring Tory spin.

All the best to you and your family,

s9(2)(a)



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From s9(2)(a) – 1 Feb 2019:

I'm sure everyone is doing this but common sense needs to prevail here. This law abiding family contribute so much to New Zealand and will do for many years, yet because of red tape they can't stay here. Criminals get to stay and people who contribute nothing to society get to walk straight into New Zealand who end up costing the taxpayer money. Do the right thing. Which I know deep down you want to. I moved here when I was 14 years old with my family and this is my home. I couldn't imagine being asked to leave. I feel for the children who know nothing but the kiwi way of life.

<https://business.facebook.com/Breakfaston1/videos/309932706324473/?t=0>

From s9(2)(a) – 18 December 2018:

Newshub recording of check boxer is very frightening to hear. I really find it difficult to comprehend how Minister granted him residency. Really PM, I urge you to take a long hard look at this case and demand resignation from Ian Lees-Galloway. I am a labour supporter since 1985, ever since I arrived in NZ. Campaigned hard for you and Labour in the previous elections. I am really hopeful Prime minister that you will take action promptly.

From s9(2)(a) – 4 December 2018:

Outside Scope

And this bit? " Meanwhile, Lees-Galloway confirmed a decision would be made in the next few days and said there was every reason to "consider" signing up to it." That man has zero credibility after the Sroubek fiasco. This country deserves better.

From s9(2)(a) – 1 December 2018:

Hello Jacinda Are you or anyone you know will be interested in hearing about our storyies on the unfair decisions made by immigration? The affects it has upon mothers like myself and so many others here in NZ? The truma we have been through due to the separation with our significant other half. Not to mention the affects it has on the children. Please let me know if you are keen to help us as many of us have tried contacting you to let you know off our stories however we kept getting ready directed to the immigration minister and left with no replies or been ignored. Currently the minister of Immigration seems to be very considerate with Karel Sroubek but what about the rest of us suffering from these processes from INZ that is just not realistic? Thanks s9(2)(a)



From s9(2)(a) – between 28 October 2018 and 28 November 2018:

Jacinda Ardern are you really going to let this person stay in New Zealand and ruin more families lives .... Kickboxer Jan Antolik, whose real name is Karel Sroubek, is a Czech national who was jailed for importing MDMA into New Zealand. What the hell is wrong with New Zealand GOVERNMENT..... letting this drug dealer arriving on false passport ..... importing drugs worth 375,000.....15 years of criminal activity in NZ, but you can stay in NZ, you must be a really nice guy and my family will welcome you into our home really Immigration Minister Iain Lees-Galloway , hope that you keep your kids & family safe from him when he comes for weekend stays .... because YOU are not giving a shit about duty of care to looking after the rest of New Zealand families letting him stay in NZ.... grow sum balls and really give a shit about everyday kids and families dealing with drugs.

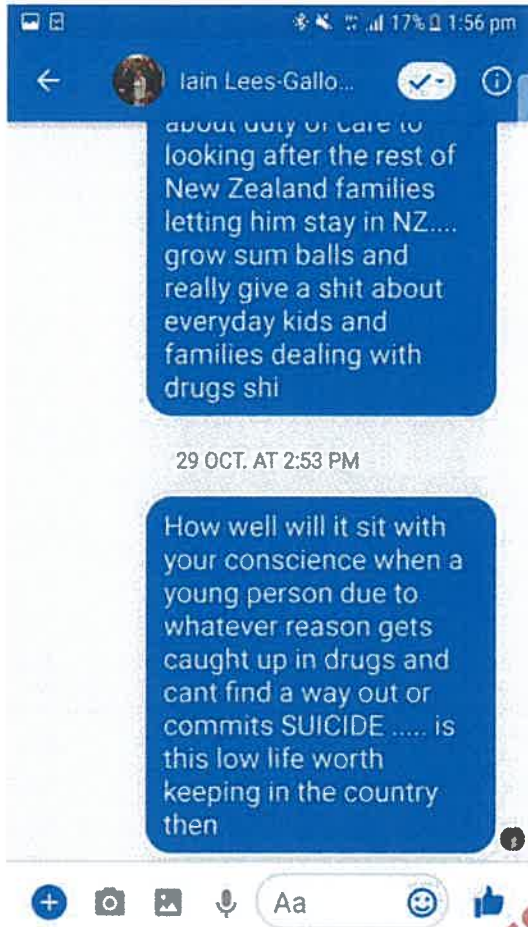
Thankyou for your reply s9(2)(a) ... Just one question.... if it is proven that Karel Sroubek is found to be dealing or associated in drugs again within New Zealand, will this give grounds to taking legal action against the now Minister of Immigration Iain Lees-Galloway for his lack of Duty of Care to New Zealand children and families

ALDEN WILLIAMS/STUFF Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern told reporters to "read between the lines" as to why Sroubek had been allowed to stay in New Zealand despite his crimes but would not give any detail on whether he was under threat in his homeland.... So Jacinda Ardern ...happy to sit with the parents of a child... when for what ever reason end up on drugs and dies or commits SUICIDE but of being supplied by these evil low life people.... i dont think so

My reply back to PM Thankyou for your reply s9(2)(a) ... Just one question.... if it is proven that Karel Sroubek is found to be dealing or associated in drugs again within New Zealand, will this give grounds to taking legal action against the now Minister of Immigration Iain Lees-Galloway for his lack of Duty of Care to New Zealand children and families

Hi s9(2)(a) have sent Mr Iain Lees-Galloway these messages below and as you will see he has read them, but no reply... you may wish to pass that onto Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, as I find it very disappointing he has not replied. Thank you very much for your response - s9(2)(a)

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Hi Jacinda Ardern Karel Sroubek case seems to have gone very quiet and nothing been mentioned about it lately.... so will he be leaving the country when his jail term finished

From s9(2)(a) - 9 November 2018:

Hi Jacinda. As a very interested onlooker my recommendation to you re the Ian Lees Galloway saga would be to NOT cave in to pressure and force his resignation. If nothing else he & the coalition do come across as being genuine and empathetic and sincere. If in the process a mistake was made as mistakes will be and were made in previous governments too, perhaps a warning needs to be issued and the matter needs to be laid to rest. My actual concern is how do these matters make it into the public domain in the first place? Shouldn't that factor be investigated? That in my opinion is a cause is more worrisome. Cheers. s9(2)(a)