

APPENDIX 1

From: [Yvette McKinley](#)
To: "Shawn Setaro"
Subject: RE: Press request [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, 30 April 2019 1:10:00 p.m.

Hi Shawn,

Apologies for the delay in getting this to you. The response below can be attributed to Michael Carley, Manager, Immigration NZ.

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) stands by the decision made in 2014 to decline Odd Future band member Tyler Okonma's visa in 2014. At the time the decision was made, Odd Future was deemed to be a potential threat to public order and the public interest for several reasons, including incidents at past performances in which they had incited violence.

The Immigration Act 2009 provides that visas and entry permission may not be granted where there is reason to believe there is, or is likely to be, a threat or risk to public order of the public interest. This applies to any non-New Zealander wanting to come to New Zealand.

Tyler was not banned from coming to New Zealand – the decision was made based on his circumstances at that time. Tyler is able to apply for another visa to travel to New Zealand at any time. Any application would then be assessed against the requirements of the Immigration Act 2009 and any relevant immigration requirements.

The petition to reinstate Tyler to the United Kingdom is a matter to the United Kingdom authorities. INZ has no comment to make on this.

Regards,

Yvette McKinley
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From: Shawn Setaro [mailto:s9 (2)(a)]
Sent: Saturday, 27 April 2019 1:51 a.m.
To: Yvette McKinley
Subject: Re: Press request [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hello Ms. McKinley,

Thank you so much. Questions below.

1. In 2014, reports came out confirming that the musician Tyler, the Creator and his group Odd Future were banned from entering New Zealand by your office. What was the reasoning behind that decision?

2. Does the ban on Tyler entering New Zealand remain in effect? For how much longer?
3. The reason given for this decision was that the group was "a potential threat to public order and the public interest." While that was arguable years ago, there have been no comparable incidents at Tyler or Odd Future performances in many years. Would you consider lifting the ban?
4. Is there a consistent policy of keeping out musicians whose work is "a potential threat to public order"? Does the policy apply towards other artists, or only musicians? What criteria do you use to determine if an artist's work does this?
5. A recent petition to reinstate Tyler to the United Kingdom has received over 4,500 signatures. Does your office have a response to that petition, or other efforts to get Tyler's ban lifted?

On Thu, Apr 25, 2019 at 6:22 PM Yvette McKinley <Yvette.McKinley@mbie.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Shawn,

Thanks for your email. Probably best for you to send through your questions and I'll come back to you with a written response.

Regards,

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From: Shawn Setaro [mailto:s9 (2)(a)]
Sent: Friday, 26 April 2019 10:12 a.m.
To: Media MBIE
Subject: Press request

Hello there,

My name is Shawn Setaro, and I am a senior staff writer at Complex Media. I am working on a story about the musician Tyler, the Creator receiving bans from several international territories, including New Zealand. I was hoping to speak to someone from your office.

Please let me know if I can talk to someone by phone, or if I should send questions via email. Thank you in advance.

- Shawn

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