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Dear John Luke

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

Immigration is an important issue for New Zealand. I would like to know whether any advisory groups (with public/stakeholder participation) have been set up by you as a Minister or by the Government to discuss immigration issues or immigration policy changes or immigration strategy planning.

If there is none, may I request you as a Minister of Immigration consider setting up something like that?

While I have not set up any advisory groups with public and/or stakeholder participation to discuss immigration issues, policy changes and strategy, government officials have established a number of project-specific and stakeholder-specific advisory groups to inform their policy advice and implementation. Some of these are listed below:

Consultative Group on Trafficking in Persons
Migrant Exploitation Consultation Group
Intercultural Competency Development Programme Expert Advisory Group (project specific, now disbanded)
Welcoming Communities Advisory Group (project specific, now disbanded)
Education Peak Body Forum
New Zealand Association for Migration and Investment / Immigration New Zealand reference group
Business NZ / Immigration New Zealand reference group

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response to your request. The relevant contact details are as follows:

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Yours sincerely



Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Minister of Immigration