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Ref: DOIA 1920-0705

Dear Mr Mills

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act (OIA) 1982 received on 30 October 2019 requesting the following:

"Can I please have access to any document/communication whether internal or external which lead to the publication of the change to how PPI's are treated for Entrepreneur Work Visa applicants who are offshore: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/newsletters/korero/korero-october-2019/potentially-prejudicial-information-practice-entrepreneur-work-visa-applications>."

Our response

The information is contained in the below appendix.

In line with section 2(1)(i) of the OIA, official information does not include any correspondence or communication which has taken place between the Office of the Ombudsmen and any department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, and which relates to an investigation conducted by an Ombudsman under this Act or under the Ombudsmen Act 1975, other than information that came into existence before the commencement of that investigation.

Information throughout the release has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of a natural person who is not an employee or ex-employee of MBIE/Department of Labour (with the exception being officials' cell phone numbers).

Legal advice relating to the issuance of a letter identifying potentially prejudicial information under the Entrepreneur Category has been withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the OIA to maintain legal professional privilege.

Certain correspondence between Ministry officials has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

I have considered whether public interest would override the decision to withhold the above information, however I have concluded in this instance it would not.



I trust you find the information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response/decision to withhold certain information by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Joshua Kennedy, Immigration Manager (Entrepreneur Team), Porirua Office, at Josh.Kennedy@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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