



3 August 2020

Ryan Potts

By email: fyi-request-13173-xxxxxxx@xxxxxxx.xxx.org.nz

File No: DOIA 1920-1819

Dear Ryan Potts

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

A copy of advice received by Immigration New Zealand concerning the availability of New Zealanders to work in the dairy sector over the past 6 months.

Thank you for clarifying your request on 6 July 2020, confirming that you were requesting the relevant Skills Match Reports received by Immigration New Zealand from Work and Income, that concern the availability of New Zealanders to work in the dairy sector over the past 6 months.

Our response

Immigration New Zealand received 5,424 emails containing Skills Match Reports from Work and Income (Ministry of Social Development) from January to June 2020. We conducted a search of the mailbox containing these emails and identified 1,918 emails which may contain Skills Match Reports relating to job positions in the dairy sector. However, in order to confirm which Skills Match Reports relate to job positions in the dairy sector, we would have to manually check each of the 1,918 emails and the corresponding attachments and then collate the relevant results. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) of the OIA because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation.

In accordance with section 18B of the Act I have considered whether consulting with you would enable you to make the request in a form that would result in the release of information, however I do not consider that it would.

I have also considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 18A of the OIA, however I do not consider that it would.

We haven't transferred your request to the Ministry of Social Development as you asked for information received by Immigration New Zealand, however you may wish to approach the Ministry of Social Development directly, as they may hold the information you are seeking in a more reportable format.



You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Anna McLachlan, Business Advisor, Operations Support, Immigration New Zealand at Anna.McLachlan@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Hogg', is positioned above the typed name.

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