



Dear Mandy,

Thank you for your request of 19 February, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

In Labour's manifesto issued for the 2020 Election, one of the points outlined related to the Parent Category visa, and stated:

"Labour will reduce barriers to access the parent category visa, including reconsidering the current provisions once the international flow of people across the border settles, and reducing the income thresholds."

Please advise when the government expects to advise new income thresholds for sponsors?

Officials are working with the Hon Kris Faafoi, Minister of Immigration, to set out the work programme for this parliamentary term, which will include a review of the parent category. The timing of this review is still being determined and further information will be available in due course.

We trust you will find the information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of MBIE's response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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