



30 June 2021

Mr Vivek Regmi
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Ref: OIA 2021-2495

Dear Mr Regmi,

Thank you for your email on 6 June 2021, sent via the 'FYI' website to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I would like to request briefing paper that was submitted to the Minister about options to resume selections of both SMC and Parent EOI's. If this information will be publicly available, please provide timeframe exactly when will this information public?

The following documents have been identified as within the scope of your request:

#	Document type	Date	Title
1	Briefing	26 March 2020	Options to resume selection of Expressions of Interest for the Parent and Skilled Migrant Categories
2	Briefing	18 June 2021	Resourcing and financial implications of processing on-hand Skilled Residence applications

The content of these documents are still under active consideration, so I am withholding both under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

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.

Yours sincerely

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