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Dear Lisa,

Thank you for your email of 26 July 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

*“details of the proposed changes to business immigration / investors category. This includes any aide memoire to the minister”.*

Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request. We trust you will find the following information of use.

As you will be aware, New Zealand currently has two investor visa categories, Investor Visa One and Investor Visa Two, as well as an Entrepreneur work visa and a Global Impact visa which aim to attract skilled innovators to our shores. The Investor One visa category has attracted \$5.6 billion dollars in investment to New Zealand from 560 investors in the 12 years it has been running. The Investor Visa Two category has attracted \$4.8 billion in investment to New Zealand from 2,255 investors since 2009.

Building off this strong foundation, high-quality international investment will play an important role in supporting New Zealand’s economic recovery from COVID-19. The Government’s response to the pandemic has lifted our global reputation as an attractive place to live and invest and we are currently looking at ways to capitalise on this opportunity.

Identified in scope of your request is advice given to the Minister of Immigration, including four briefings and one aide memoire. These documents are listed below:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
MBIE briefing 2021-1640 Immigration Policy Priorities and Work Programme Proposals	4 December 2020
MBIE briefing 2021-2992 [Title withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	25 March 2021
MBIE briefing 2021-3878 Cover briefing: The Investment Attraction Strategy and Investor Migrants Cabinet paper	26 May 2021
MBIE aide memoire 2021-4122 Updated Cabinet paper: The Investment Attraction Strategy and Investor Migrants	10 June 2021
MBIE briefing 2021-3995 Investment Attraction Strategy and Investor Migrants: Cabinet paper and talking points for DEV, 7 July	29 June 2021

I have made the decision to withhold this information in full 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.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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