

## MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION & EMPLOYMENT HĪKINA WHAKATUTUKI

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Tēnā koe Rachel

Thank you for your email of 8 June 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

• Could I please request all issued Immigration New Zealand Internal Administration Circulars from 01.01.2022 to 08.06.2023

This request was clarified on 28 June 2023 as follows:

• Please provide all the internal guidance provided to the immigration officers processing expressions of interest (EOIs) for the Parent Resident Visas since the re-opening of this category in October 2022.

## Our response

Please refer to the attached appendix for the information you have requested.

Please note some information is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by the officers and employees of the Ministry in the course of their duty.

In accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the need to withhold that information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available, however it is my opinion that it is not.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz

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