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Tēnā koe T. Zhang

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*I would like to request the following information regarding the Advance Passenger Processing (APP) system:*

1. *In a previously submitted OIA request by John (<https://fyi.org.nz/request/18582-the-advance-passenger-processing-app-system>), INZ stated that when APP information is submitted by the airline, it interacts with INZ's database to assess whether a passenger meets immigration requirements for travel to New Zealand. Please clarify what methods of interaction are currently implemented: i.e. a list of methods/interfaces INZ has provided airlines with, for the purpose of complying with APP requirements/ascertaining immigration requirements. This could be APIs, web interfaces, etc;*

2. *I understand an API is available and actively used. Please provide a copy of the relevant documentation as supplied to airlines, in particular endpoints, parameters, and responses;*

3. *If INZ supplies a standard web interface, the relevant documentation/training material provided to airlines;*

4. *If any other method are available, the relevant documentation/training material provided to airlines;*

5. *A list of all airlines currently furnishing passenger details under the APP scheme, and the method(s) used by each airline;*

6. *If not covered by 2-5, for each of the methods/interfaces, a list of:*

1) *Passenger information ('field') supplied by airlines. I understand an incomplete list is provided at <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/policy-and-law/identity-information-management/how-we-collect-use-information-about-people-flying-in-out-nz>. Please provide a full list of fields collected. If this differs by airline, please provide a table of fields supplied by each airline.*

2) *Responses from INZ, in particular:*

a. *Whether the response from INZ is a binary board/do not board response;*

b. *Otherwise, a full list of possible responses from INZ, for each method/interface;*

c. *Whether INZ supplies the type of visa/endorsement held by a passenger to airlines;*

d. *If this differs by airline, please provide the requested information for each airline.*



## Our Response

### Question one:

The airline Application Programming Interface with the SITA network is used in assessing whether a passenger meets immigration requirements for travel to New Zealand.

### Question two:

We are refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information you have requested is publicly available on the Immigration New Zealand (INZ) website:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/assist-migrants-and-students/other-industry-partners/airlines-cruise-shipping/information-for-airlines>

### Question three:

INZ does not supply a web interface. Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

### Question four:

We are refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information you have requested is publicly available on the INZ website:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/assist-migrants-and-students/other-industry-partners/airlines-cruise-shipping/information-for-airlines>

### Question five:

All commercial airlines traveling to New Zealand are currently furnishing passenger details under the Advance Passenger Processing scheme. Regarding the methods used by the commercial airlines, we are refusing this part of the request under section 18(g)(i) as the information requested is not held by Immigration New Zealand. This information will sit with the airline itself.

### Question six:

We are refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information you have requested is publicly available on the INZ website:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/policy-and-law/identity-information-management/how-we-collect-use-information-about-people-flying-in-out-nz>

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact [inzoias@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:inzoias@mbie.govt.nz)

Nāku iti nei, nā



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