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File No(s): DOIA 2223-2944

Dear Ms Yang,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 16 June 2023 requesting the following information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Ministry):

“Please provide the list of high, medium, and low-risk regions in China regarding assessing visitor visa applications. And Which regions are on the blacklist?”

Our Response

In relation to your request for a list of high, medium, and low-risk regions in China. Specifically, regarding assessing visitor visa applications. This part of your request is being withheld under section 6(c) of the Act which relates to prejudice to the maintenance of the law.

With regards to your request asking for which regions are on the blacklist in China. This part of your request is being refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist. Immigration New Zealand does not have a “blacklist” for countries.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

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





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Yours sincerely,

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