



30 May 2024

John

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Ref: DOIA 2324-2459

Tēnā koe John,

Thank you for your email of 6 May 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

“Since the implementation of the Prostitution Reform Act 2003, how many resident visa holders have been deported (or become liable for deportation) because they operate, manage, own, be a director of or invest in a commercial sex business.

Please provide a breakdown for:

(1) each year since the Prostitution Reform Act implemented.

(2) In each year, please also show the breakdown of the type of resident visas, such as SMC, partner resident visa etc.

(3) how many of them were liable for deportation and how many of them were actually deported.”

Our response

Your request is being refused in full in reliance on section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts cannot be located. In accordance with section 18B of the Act we have considered whether consultation with you would allow the request to be responded to however it is our opinion that it would not.

The Ministry can advise that the information you have requested is not recorded in MBIE’s case management systems to that level of detail.

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.

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

Nāku noa, nā

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