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Tēnā koe John

## OIA request 24/25 0026 Request for Citizenship by Grant application Training Materials

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 30 July 2024.

You requested -

- 1. I would like to request the full and latest training materials for case officers to process citizenship by grant applications.
- 2. I also want to know how the department assess and verify for the requirement under 8(2)f: intend to stay.

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

I can advise that pursuant to section 15(1)(b) of the Act, the Department is still preparing the information for release and will provide it as soon as practicable. We anticipate having the requested information to you by no later than 22 August 2024. Your attention is drawn to our earlier release to you of the information requested in question one in November 2022 and made publicly available with response 2223-0254\_1 and 2223-0254\_2 on the website: www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2.

Please note that some information may be withheld pursuant to the following sections of the Act –

- 6(c) If the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.
- 9(2)(a) if the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

9(2)(g)(ii) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment

9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage All names and details used in the training materials as examples of citizenship applicants and applications are fictitious.

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.

Ngā mihi

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