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Tēnā koe Jim

Thank you for your correspondence of 28 August 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

- 1. What verification checks were completed on the company structure and finances of CPL Jobs (Ross Berry) before being awarded 840 job tokens? The annual wage costs for these tokens (based on the minimum wage \$23.15 and 30hrs per week as a full-time job) would exceed \$30,000,000. This does not include overheads, and other operating expenses for CPL Jobs. How does INZ justify awarding so many job tokens to one business?*
- 2. When Chan Tara Ltd applied for employer accreditation, what verifications were undertaken to determine whether the director was a New Zealand citizen as she had declared on her accreditation application?*

MBIE has assessed and decided to grant your request, and will provide you the requested information. However, it will take us some time to process. We will send you the information as soon as it is ready and without undue delay.

Please note that some information related to the completed verification has been withheld under section 6(c) of the Act, as 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.

We are refusing this part of your request under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, as the withholding of this information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

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

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx.



You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jack Price', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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