

MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION & EMPLOYMENT HĪKINA WHAKATUTUKI

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Tēnā koe Chris

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

- Any and all internal emails, notes memos by the person(s) / teams responsible for declining Candace Owens "Entertainers work visa"

- Any and all correspondence / complaints to immigration NZ from all NGOs including but not limited to Holocaust Centre NZ, NZ Young Labour and any other organization that wants to shut down open debate by a young articulate female

- Recommendation reports internally / externally including to the minister

- Correspondence with our Australian counterparts

Ultimately any and all correspondence with persons involved in declining her entry to our country.

- Can you also provide a list of all people declined entry to New Zealand in the past based on them being excluded from another country whilst having no criminal record.

I am writing to advise you that MBIE has decided to extend the period of time available to make a decision on your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. MBIE will notify you of a decision on your request no later than 19 February 2025.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact <u>inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.</u>

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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