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Dear M Stephens

Thank you for your email on 28 August 2015, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

... all departmental advice to the Minister of Immigration between April 1 and August 31 2015 on New Zealand's Refugee Resettlement Quota.

Please find the information requested at the following link:
www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/immigration/oia-response-syrian-refugees.

The documents include those that were produced in September, as I am releasing a standard package to you. Some sections of the papers have been deleted as they are out of scope. I have also withheld sections of some papers under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(b)(i) to avoid prejudicing *the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by ... the Government of any country or any agency of such a Government*
- section 6(b)(ii) to avoid prejudicing *the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by ... any international organisation*
- section 9(2)(a) to protect *the privacy of natural persons*
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain *the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect ... the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials*
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain *the effective conduct of public affairs through ... the free and frank expression of opinions by or between ... officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.*

The relevant withholding grounds are noted on the documents.

In respect of the information being withheld under section 9 of the Act, I do not consider that there are any overriding public interest grounds that support the release of that information.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to withhold some material you have requested. The relevant contact details are as follows:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10-152
The Terrace
Wellington 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Woodhouse', written in a cursive style.

Hon Michael Woodhouse
Minister of Immigration