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Mr Murdoch Stephens
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Dear Mr Stephens

Thank you for your email of 2 January 2016 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*...all departmental advice to the Minister of Immigration between September 16 and December 31 2015 on New Zealand's Refugee Resettlement Quota.
If any documents that fall within the scope of my request are to be withheld in full then I would like the titles and dates of those documents to be released.*

I am withholding in full the only document that falls within the scope of your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and Officials. I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

In accordance with your request for "titles and dates of those documents", the withheld document is a briefing titled "Next three-year Refugee Resettlement Programme - options" dated 30 November 2015.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

Hon Michael Woodhouse
Minister of Immigration