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Dear Emma Cullen

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2016 in which you refine your request of 30 May 2016 to the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"Can this please be refined down to the past 12 months July 2015-July 2016."

My office receives a large amount of correspondence every day and I can confirm that some of that correspondence relates to offshore detention centres. This correspondence, and any responses to it, is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(ba): to protect the supply of confidential information by a third party; and
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the withheld information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Hon Murray McCully
Minister of Foreign Affairs