



14 March 2017

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Ref: DOIA 1617-0977

Dear Mr Knight

On 21 February 2017 you requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *All internal correspondence between January 1, 2009 and February 20, 2017 on the family link criteria component of the regional allocations of New Zealand's refugee resettlement quota.*
2. *All documents containing advice between January 1, 2009 and February 20, 2017 to*
 - a. *the Minister of Foreign Affairs & Trade, and*
 - b. *the Minister of Immigration, and their respective offices, on the family link criteria component of the regional allocations of New Zealand's refugee resettlement quota.*

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. The Ministry's response will be with you no later than 20 April 2017, but we will respond to you sooner if we are able to.

The reasons for the extension are that:

- your request is for a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry, and
- consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

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

Yours sincerely

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Manager, Immigration Policy

