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Ref: DOIA 1617-1526

Dear Mr Blackburn,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) received on 8 June 2017 requesting the following information from Immigration New Zealand (INZ):

*On 06 June 2017 the government banned Evan Griffith Dando from entering New Zealand presumably under Section 16 of the Immigration Act 2009 ("Mystery surrounds rocker Evan Dandos New Zealand no-show", NZ Herald, 08 Jun 2017). I would like to request the following information under the OIA:*

*· All advice on the refusal of entry to "Evan Griffith Dando"*

*With regards to Section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982, I am a New Zealand citizen and in New Zealand.*

Our Response

I can confirm that entry permission for Mr Dando was revoked however, for privacy reasons the details around this decision will not be released. This information is therefore withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

Where information has been withheld, there are in my view no counterbalancing public interest considerations in release. You have the right to contest the decision to withhold information by seeking an investigation and review of the decision by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10 – 152  
WELLINGTON

Entry into New Zealand is not an automatic right. Even visitors with valid visas may be refused entry. All travellers to New Zealand, whether visa required or under the visa waiver provisions must still meet the entry requirements on arrival. These include:

- holding a genuine and valid passport
- having sufficient funds to be self-supporting during the entire stay
- holding an outward ticket from New Zealand to a place where the person has right of entry
- being of good character
- being in good health

- contemplating a temporary visit of three months or less
- confidence that the person will abide by the conditions of any visa granted to them including not undertaking work while in New Zealand
- confidence that the person is genuinely intending to depart New Zealand at the end of their stay

Immigration officers must be satisfied of a person's intentions; if they are not satisfied, they cannot grant entry. In reaching a decision the immigration officer must consider all the factors, including evidence of genuine intent and personal circumstances. Anyone who does not meet entry requirements will be refused.

All of this information is available on the Immigration New Zealand website:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/policy-and-law/how-the-immigration-system-operates>

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Lisa Jones, Senior Business Advisor, Business Support, Immigration New Zealand at [lisa.jones@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:lisa.jones@mbie.govt.nz) or 04 901 8222.

Yours sincerely,



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