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Dear Dr Shaw

### Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request 1617-0413

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 30 June 2017.

*You requested:*

- 1) *Minister Nathan Guy says that he supported the advice of officials to give citizenship to Peter Thiel. Please provide a copy of all written advice that pertains.*
- 2) *Please indicate the level of support Peter Thiel gives to Australia and any other country you considered for a comparison with his commitment and input to New Zealand?*
- 3) *Did you collect statements Mr Thiel made in other countries about New Zealand? If so, please provide the list.*

#### Response Part 1

The Department has made public information it holds that relates to Mr Peter Thiel's citizenship application. This information is available here: [www.dia.govt.nz/Citizenship-of-Mr-Peter-Thiel](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Citizenship-of-Mr-Peter-Thiel). Under section 18(d) of the OIA Act the Department refuses to answer this part of your request as the information is publically available.

#### Response Part 2

The Department is unaware and has no record of how much support Mr Thiel gives to any country other than that which was documented regarding his investments in New Zealand entities. The Department does not request information of this nature as part of the application process for New Zealand citizenship; therefore under section 18(g) this part of your request is refused.

#### Response Part 3

The Department does not hold any statements made by Mr Thiel about New Zealand. Newspaper clippings and articles were released by the Department as part of the public information release of information. These articles were provided by Mr Thiel's in support of his citizenship application; they may or may not refer to his thoughts or comments about New Zealand.

The Department does not hold the information you are seeking and therefore under section 18(g) this part of your request is refused.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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