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Dear Mr Joseph

I refer to your email received on 23 November 2017, in which you requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

- *Any advice, briefings, documents, emails, and/or cabinet papers, including drafts of all the aforementioned and talking points, provided by MBIE or INZ to the Minister of Immigration and/or the Minister's office in relation to Residence policy and/or the NZRP, since October 26 2017*
- *This request includes any advice, briefings, documents, emails, and/or cabinet papers, including drafts of all the aforementioned and talking points, in relation to the categories that make up the NZRP and affect Residence visa numbers (SMC, refugee/asylum, family etc.) since October 26 2017*

One document came under your request and is attached. It is a cover briefing and two accompanying sets of slides, where residence policy, the New Zealand Residence Programme, and various residence categories are mentioned. Certain information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) *to protect the privacy of natural persons.*
- 9(2)(f)(iv) *to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*

You may also be interested in the recent Briefing for the Incoming Minister of Immigration, available online on the MBIE website: <http://www.mbie.govt.nz/about/who-we-are/our-publications/briefings-to-incoming-ministers/2017-bims/immigration.pdf>

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to withhold or refuse some information. 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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