



15 March 2018

J L Fairburn

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Dear J L Fairburn

I refer to your request under the *Official Information Act 1982* (the Act), that was transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment from the Minister of Immigration on 16 February 2018. In response to an article in the *Timaru Herald* on the Minister of Immigration's plans for regional immigration policies to address skill and labour shortages, you requested the following information:

1. *a copy of the report of the 'consultation' on immigration policy carried out by the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment.*
2. *a list of any 'stakeholders' that have contacted or attempted to contact the Ministry of Immigration or the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment in regards to immigration policy.*

I have interpreted your requests to refer to any consultation undertaken, or stakeholders who have contacted the Ministry, in relation to the current Government's plans to introduce regional immigration policies to address labour and skill shortages.

With regards to your request for a copy of the report on the consultation referred to in the article, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document you have requested does not exist. The regional immigration policy described in the article is still under development and no consultation has been undertaken or final decisions made in relation to this work.

With regards to the list of stakeholders that have contacted or attempted to contact the Ministry in relation to the immigration policy referred to in the *Timaru Herald* article, our records indicate that we have been contacted by stakeholders from the following organisations:

- New Zealand Pork Industry Board
- New Zealand Council of Trade Unions
- Ernst & Young
- BusinessNZ

We are unable to provide information on the number of stakeholders who have attempted to contact the Ministry as this information is not held by the Ministry and could not easily be collated.



You have the right to contest the decision to withhold information from your request by seeking an investigation and review of that decision by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Siân Roguski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Siân Roguski
Manager, Immigration Policy
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment