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Ref: DOIA 1718-1454

John Hart

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Dear Mr Hart,

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of 09 April 2018, requesting the following information in relation to the reported pilot 'data modelling programme':

"A list of external vendor organisations that have provided design, software or integration services to this project, specifically - but not restricted to - the algorithm used to target specific people, and a brief summary of those organisations' contributions to the project."

Our response

While there was reference in the media to a harm "model", it is a prioritisation spreadsheet developed in the Auckland Compliance team, based on data held by Immigration New Zealand.

There is no specialist software used to run a model as reported by some media. Information is spreadsheet based, manually entered and interrogated to allow INZ to query or retrieve INZ held information.

In this context your request is refused under Section 18(e) of the Official Information Act, in that a list of external vendor organisations that have provided design, software or integration services to the project, does not exist.

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

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
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Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Elizabeth Cantrick, Senior Business Advisor, Immigration New Zealand at elizabeth.cantrick@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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