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Dear Mr Boddie

Official Information Act 1982 request 17/18-0436: Documents regarding the current contract for the supply and personalisation of New Zealand passports

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 17 May 2018. This response is provided to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act).

You requested:

Please supply copies of the following documents in respect of the current contract for the supply and personalisation of passports in New Zealand:

- *The full final report of the evaluation committee and their recommendations (explaining why the winners won and the losers lost).*
- *The contract (with all schedules, annexes etc) as signed by the winning tenderer and the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)*

Please find attached the Evaluation Report for the Request For Proposal responses from March 2007.

Some information has been withheld in the Evaluation Report under these sections of the Act:

9(2)(a); the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;

9(2)(b)(ii); the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;

and

9(2)(h) the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege.

Your request for the contract signed by the winning tenderer and the Department is declined in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. As the contract contains information specific to the Department's supplier for passport personalisation, Canadian Bank Note (CBN), it is unreasonable to prejudice the commercial position of CBN with the release of the contract.

I am satisfied that the withholding of that information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Briget Ridden', is positioned above the printed name.

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