



25 May 2018

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Ref: OIA 1718-1665

Dear G. Reed

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2018 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

“the date that sex workers were last added to immigration skills shortage list”

Sex workers have never appeared on any immigration skills shortage list. In fact, section 19 of the Prostitution Reform Act 2003 prohibits the grant of a visa to a person on the basis of sex work.

Sex worker did previously appear on the Skill Shortage Checker on Immigration New Zealand’s website, because this tool included every occupation from the Australia New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (which is compiled by jointly by Statistics New Zealand and their Australian counterpart). Our website has now been updated to exclude this occupation to remove any confusion.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact Kathy Tait, Team Leader Operational Policy, Immigration New Zealand at Kathy.Tait@mbie.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

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