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Dear M Stephens

I refer to your email, dated 10 August 2013, in which you have requested clarification about some of the information that was released to you on 7 August 2013 in response to your Official Information Act (OIA) request, dated 10 June 2013, for "*departmental advice to the Minister of Immigration in the last 18 months on the Refugee Resettlement Strategy*". You have asked the following questions:

*(1) document 26 October 2012, tracker no. 12/05390, pg. 13, (22) was excluded based on 9(2)(j) which was described as dealing with the tender process for the Mangere rebuild however 19-23 in that document dealt with the refugee quota and not the rebuild. Perhaps there was an alternative reason for the refusal, or could this point please be released.*

*(2) document 10 June 2013 tracker no. 13/03130, a page seems to be missing that features points 6 and 7. No indication is given for the reason for this omission.*

*(3) - regarding the same document as (2) above: point 16 is omitted as out of scope of the request. Given much of the other material on health has been included, I'd like you to reconsider this omission - this is a simple process than requiring more time spent on future OIA requests.*

*(4) - regarding the same document as (2) above: point 17 refers to a July 2013 progress update on the implementation of the strategy that has not been included in this OIA request. Can this document also be supplied, or was this point an error and no such document exists?*

### Question One

I can clarify that some information within the release was withheld under section 9 (2)(j) of the OIA in relation to the tender process underway for the rebuild of the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre, as well as the contracting for refugee resettlement services and negotiations related to changes to offshore health testing for quota refugees. Information contained at point 22 on page 13 of the document dated 22 October 2012 (refer 12/05390) is related to the estimated funding required for the offshore health testing.

Question Two

The page in question from the document dated 10 June 2013 (refer 13/03130) was omitted by error and is now enclosed.

Question Three

As noted in the OIA release the information contained at point 17 of the document dated 10 June 2013 (refer 13/03130) was considered out of scope of your request on the Strategy.

Question Four

No such July 2013 progress update exists. In addition, please note that your June 2013 OIA request sought information from the "*last 18 months*", and as such the timeframe for information being considered for release to you was from December 2011 to June 2013.

Yours sincerely

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

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