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Thank you for your email of 15 August 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"all briefings, aides memoire, reports, and internal correspondence, written and received by HNZ between Dec 2014 and the 2017 election on criminals deported to New Zealand, from Australia under section 501 of the Australian Migration Act, and their interaction with the agency, how that relates to the agency's operations, and impact on resourcing. If available, please provide statistics for the number of deportees assisted by the agency during this period, broken down by either month or year.

- all briefings, aides memoire, reports, and internal correspondence written and received by HNZ since the 2017 election on criminals deported to New Zealand, from Australia under section 501 of the Australian Migration Act, and their interaction with the agency and how that relates to the agency's operations, and impact on resourcing. If available, please provide statistics for the number of deportees assisted by the agency during this period, broken down by either month or year."

Please find attached the reply to a Written Parliamentary Question and an internal memo.

A search of Housing New Zealand records found no other documents about deportees from Australia under section 501 of the Australian Migration Act.

There are no statistics compiled or centrally recorded by Housing New Zealand on the number of deportees assisted by Housing New Zealand.

Housing New Zealand does not hold statistics on the number of deportees assisted. Therefore, I am unable to provide you with the requested information because with reference to section 18(g) of the Act "the information requested is not held."

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of Housing New Zealand's decision to release information. 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 that reads "Rachel Kelly".

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