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Tēnā koe

Following a media query today, we have identified an error in our Official Information Act 1982 response sent to you on 7 March 2022. I wish to correct this error, which is regrettable as the Ministry places immense importance on our obligations to provide accurate information.

As part of your request, you asked *"If more people beyond the two women were connected to this border exemption, I seek all such information requested in the bullet points above, inclusive of any such people."*

The Ministry explained to you that it did not hold any information about whether other people were connected to the travel application. This part of your request was refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as at that time, the Ministry had no grounds to believe that the information was held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

However, it is now apparent that the Ministry did in fact hold the names of four people who were covered by the application. Had this detail not been overlooked, this part of your request would have been refused under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect their privacy.

A copy of this letter will be attached to the published response on our website.

Nāku noa, nā

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