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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
July 2025	Government Response to the Petition of Malkiat Singh: <i>Remove the ballot system and limits from the Parent Resident Visa</i>	Office of the Minister of Immigration
31 July 2025	Government Response to the Petition of Malkiat Singh LEG-25-MIN-0144 Minute	Cabinet Office

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NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Government Response to the Petition of Malkiat Singh

Portfolio **Immigration**

On 31 July 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 22 May 2025, the Petitions Committee referred the *Petition of Malkiat Singh: Remove the ballot system and limits from the Parent Resident visa* to the Minister of Immigration for response;
- 2 **noted** that the petition requests that “the House of Representatives urge the Government to remove the ballot system and the limit of 500 approvals per year from EOIs received after October 2022 for the Parent Resident visa to allow the family reunification of overseas-born New Zealanders and residence visa holders with their parents”;
- 3 **noted** that the proposed Government response acknowledges the concerns raised by the petitioner as they pertain to the Parent Category ballot system and outlines an upcoming review of the allocation system;
- 4 **approved** the Government response, attached at Annex One under LEG-25-SUB-0144;
- 5 **noted** that the Government response must be presented to the House by 18 August 2025;
- 6 **noted** that, once approved, the Government response can be presented to the House on the next available working day;
- 7 **invited** the Minister of Immigration to present the Government response to the House in accordance with Standing Order 380.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (See over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Chris Penk
Stuart Smith, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Office of the Leader of the House