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Minister	Hon Andrew Little	Portfolio	Immigration
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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
31 July 2023	Government response to the Report of the Education and Workforce Committee on the petition of Juliana Carvalho: Let Ignacia stay in New Zealand The Government Response (Appendix One of Cabinet paper) was published by the House and can be found here .	Office of the Minister of Immigration
03 August 2023	Government response to the Report of the Education and Workforce Committee on the petition of Juliana Carvalho - Let Ignacia stay in New Zealand: LEG-23-MIN-0132 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES / NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Government response to the Report of the Education and Workforce Committee on the petition of Juliana Carvalho - Let Ignacia stay in New Zealand

Portfolio Immigration

On 3 August 2023, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 20 October 2022, the Education and Workforce Committee presented its report to the House entitled “Petition of Juliana Carvalho: Let Ignacia stay in New Zealand”;
- 2 **noted** that the Education and Workforce Committee recommended to the government:
 - 2.1 by majority, that the review of immigration instructions relating to health requirements for residence should consider creating exemptions for dependent children;
 - 2.2 that it take a strengths-based approach to disability with regards to immigration policy;
- 3 **noted** that the Education and Workforce Committee also requested that the Minister of Immigration look into the case of the subject of the petition;
- 4 **noted** that the Minister of Immigration considers that:
 - 4.1 the approach to health screening for immigration purposes remains appropriate and proportionate to the objectives and risks being balanced in this space to ensure that New Zealanders are not negatively impacted in the long-term;
 - 4.2 that a broad review of the health criteria is not required;
- 5 **noted** that the Associate Minister of Immigration has chosen not to intervene in the case of **Privacy of natural persons** at this time;
- 6 **approved** the government response, attached at Appendix One to the submission under LEG-23-SUB-0132, to the Report of the Education and Workforce Committee entitled “Let Ignacia stay in New Zealand”;
- 7 **invited** the Minister of Immigration to present the government response to the House in accordance with Standing Order 380;

8 **invited** the Minister of Immigration to write to the petitioner enclosing a copy of the government response to the report of the Education and Workforce Committee on the petition, after the response has been presented to the House.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Ginny Andersen
Hon Dr Duncan Webb
Tangi Utikere, MP (Chief Government Whip)

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for LEG