

# Assurance Review of the operation of the Accredited Employer Work Visa Scheme

## Minute of process #2

### Engagement with interested parties external to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)

#### Introduction

1. As set out in the terms of reference for this Assurance Review, Public Service Commissioner Mr Peter Hughes has appointed the Reviewer, Jenn Bestwick, to independently review the operation of the Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) Scheme.
2. This minute sets out the process for interested parties external to MBIE to engage with the Review.

#### Focus of this independent assurance review

3. The purpose of this review is to consider whether Immigration New Zealand is administering the AEWV scheme appropriately, and to identify any areas for improvement with a focus on mitigating the risk of migrant exploitation and irregular migration. It was initiated to provide independent assurance as to the operation of the scheme.
4. Complaints about specific cases or the conduct of individuals are relevant insofar as they may illustrate wider issues of process. However, the resolution of such complaints is outside of scope and will not be addressed through this Review and should be addressed to alternative processes currently underway within MBIE.

#### Contact information

5. The Review has established an email address [aewvreview@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:aewvreview@publicservice.govt.nz). This is the primary point of contact for the Review.

#### Engagement process

##### *Written submissions*

6. Anyone who wishes to submit their views or experiences in relation to the operation of the AEWV can email the [aewvreview@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:aewvreview@publicservice.govt.nz) address. Only the Review team have access to this email address. All information and feedback received through this email address will be considered and analysed by the Review.
7. The period for providing written submissions through this email address will close on 20 October 2023.

## **Meetings**

8. The Review may contact submitters for further information relevant to the review, and/or to attend an interview. Interviews may be in person or virtual (phone or video) and submitters will be given reasonable notice for any interview process.
9. Initial meetings with submitters are also expected to be completed by 20 October 2023.

## **Confidentiality**

10. Submissions to the review (whether in writing or in meetings) are confidential to the Review and submitters can be assured their identity will not be revealed by the Review, nor will comments or feedback be attributed or quoted in the Review Report.

## **Information about the Review**

11. The terms of reference for the Review can be found on the [Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission website](#).

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