



**Ministry of Business,
Innovation & Employment**

Government Policy Manager's Perspective

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Context

The Immigration Policy team:

- provides high level advice and analysis to the Minister of Immigration on strategic and operationally-focused immigration policy development, to ensure that immigration policy supports and advances the government's objectives.
- has a close relationship with Migration Research, which links through into the wider research community.
- has strong linkages to other areas of government policy (labour market, border security, international and humanitarian).



Government's aims for immigration

To ensure immigration promotes positive outcomes for New Zealand including by:

- attracting the highly skilled migrants New Zealand needs to boost productivity while not reducing opportunities for New Zealanders, and who will contribute to New Zealand by supporting growth and innovation in local enterprises
- supporting important export industries e.g. tourism and export education
- maintaining border security
- being a good international citizen



How is research contributing to policy development right now?

- The settlement knowledge base plus targeted research projects are used to inform policy development.
- We are increasingly combining separate databases to get richer understandings of outcomes.
- Two specific projects which have used the LisNZ (and other research) are:
 - The Capped Family Review
 - An operational review of the Skilled Migrant Category

