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Tēnā koe Andrew Li

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I am requesting all communications, notes, or any other documents related produced within MFAT or with outside parties relating to your response to the original requests, made on 23 April 2022.

Attached are the documents relevant to your request. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Julie-Anne Lee
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade