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Tēnā koe Tulson Caird

I refer to your email of 21 March 2023, which was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) on 11 April 2023 from the Office of the Prime Minister. Your original request as for:

in 2021 the Government committed \$1.3 billion over four years to support countries most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

Can I please understand where exactly this money has gone.

A further request, Can I please understand all and any funds sent to any entity, organisation, country or Person for Climate change.

On 21 April 2023, the Ministry contacted you to seek a better understanding of the scope of your request. On 22 April 2023, you came back with the following request, which has been responded to under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

My original request was directly in relation to the government in 2021 committing 1.3 billion over four years to support countries most vulnerable to climate change.

Timeframe for spending I would like to go back 10 years to 2013.

All money internationally spent would be better suited to what I am after. Any money that this government has spent for any climate change support, research or anything else to do with climate change.

I am not just after which country I am after the exact entity/person or organisation it has gone to.

You were advised by the Ministry on 8 May 2023:

Regarding your amended request, collating the data in scope since 2013 (10 years) would unreasonably interfere in the operational capacity of this agency, and its therefore likely that we will have to refuse your request under section 18(f), that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. I note however that we have data relating to the \$1.3b in climate aid from January 2022, which we understand to be the scope of your original query. Are you happy for the Ministry to provide you with this information instead?

We did not hear back from you regarding our email on 8 May. As the due date is today, we have refused your request under section 18(f) of the OIA, in that the information requested cannot be

made available without substantial collation or research. However, we invite you to submit a new narrowly focused request should you wish to do so.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade