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Tēnā koe Valerie Morse

I refer to your email of 14 November 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'any information held by MFAT about the proposed trade delegation "Innovation Nation" led by Simon Bridges to Israel organised by the Auckland Business Chamber.

On 12 December 2023, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 25 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request. (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

The information relevant to your request is attached. We have withheld some information under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy; and
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party.

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

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

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



Sarah Corbett
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