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Dear Martin

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2020 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry), requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Assuming there have been discussions between Universal and official entities in New Zealand, please disclose the conditions that have been laid out by New Zealand, under which we would allow a foreign business to take advantage of our hard work.*
- 2. What is the projected benefit to the national economy associated with this deal? How was this calculated?*
- 3. What are the tax provisions in place? What precautions are being considered to prevent Universal from trying to avoid paying adequate taxes to our state?*
- 4. If no discussions have yet taken place, then please inform as to when these are expected to take place, or what the general process will be for Universal to obtain permission, along with all the associated support from Immigration, and the local authorities.*

No discussions have been conducted with Universal Pictures, and based on the Ministry's current knowledge, none are planned in the immediate future. Therefore the Ministry is refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision to refuse your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at:

[www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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