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Tēnā koe Ms Hursthouse

I refer to your email of 2 March 2021 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"Could you please advise how much New Zealand has pledged in aid to Yemen in 2020, and in 2021? This request relates to any pledges, whether through the United Nations virtual pledging conferences on Monday 1 March 2021, and 2 June 2020, or otherwise."

New Zealand has contributed NZ\$18.5 million in total to humanitarian support in Yemen since 2017. Of this funding, New Zealand pledged NZ\$5 million in 2020, including NZ\$3 million in December 2020, working with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the UN World Food Programme (WFP). No further funding has been pledged yet in 2021.

In addition, in 2020 New Zealand contributed NZ\$7 million through the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) towards the Global Humanitarian Response Fund for COVID-19, and NZ\$2.5 million through CERF towards famine prevention. Yemen was a key beneficiary of both initiatives.

Attached is the statement that the New Zealand Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York delivered at the recent United Nations Yemen Pledging Conference.

Please note that this email (with your personal details redacted) may be published on the Ministry's website.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Nāku noa, nā



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade