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Tēnā koe Adam Irish

I refer to your email of 14 March 2021 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

...
What steps are being taken to diversify our trade away from China and towards other democratic countries such as those countries, USA, India, Australia, and Japan in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) forum.

Trade diversification forms part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's general trade strategy, and is achieved through a number of methods. This includes opening up and protecting exporting and investment opportunities, by negotiating free trade agreements, and tackling non-tariff barriers. Trade diversification also forms part of Aotearoa New Zealand's post COVID-19 trade recovery strategy. You can find more information about the trade recovery strategy online at:

- <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/trade-recovery-strategy/trade-recovery-strategy-overview/>
- [Support for Trade Recovery | New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(mfat.govt.nz\)](#)

In addition, New Zealand is vigilant against any foreign interference that could affect our economy. Further details are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

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



Julie-Anne Lee
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade