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**THE TREASURY**

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Dear Athina

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, transferred from Toitū te Whenua Land Information New Zealand to the Treasury on 10 February 2022. Your request was:

*What rules which help foreign investors purchase farmland in New Zealand for forestry conversions are under review? And why? Please provide all documentation related to discussions around this matter, specifically why the review? Who is authorising the review? And are there possible conflicts of interest involved by those authorising the review?*

On 1 March 2022, a Treasury staff member contacted you seeking to discuss the scope of your request, as your request as currently framed will be very difficult to provide a complete response to without undertaking substantial collation and research. In this email, the Treasury provided you details on a recent Government announcement on the change in direction for the Overseas Investment Act 2005 Forestry Review. Meeting your request, as currently scoped, could impact the Treasury's ability to complete its other operations.

As the Treasury has not received a response from you, your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act:

- *the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.*

If you would like to contact the Treasury to make a refined Official Information Act request, then please contact us at [Ministerial.Services@treasury.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@treasury.govt.nz).

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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