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Kia ora Brandon

**Request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)**

We refer to your information request received 23 January 2024. A copy of your request is set out below:

*Could you please provide material relating to any advice, motions or other correspondence within the ORC or with Port Otago or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, relating to trade with the UN-declared non-self governing territory of Western Sahara and/or the Occupied Palestinian Territories, over the last 12 months to date.*

An IT search of all emails between the Otago Regional Council and the Port of Otago for the 12 month period 23 January 2023 to 23 January 2024 has been conducted. No emails relating to the subject of “UN-declared non-self governing territory of Western Sahara and/or the Occupied Palestinian Territories” have been identified.

As such your request is refused under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) as the information requested is not held.

Yours sincerely



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