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Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your email on 19 June 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following:

- *I am seeking to have access to background papers prepared for the negotiations for the Agreement on Social Security between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Australia done at Canberra on 28 March 2001. I wish to receive papers relating to policy and estimates as to costs arising to each state under this agreement.*

This letter is to advise that your request has been transferred to the Official Information Group at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

This is because the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry of Social Development. Section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 allows me to transfer any request where the information is not held, but is believed to be held by another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision to transfer your request by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
P O Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

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**General Manager Ministerial and Executive Services**