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Tēnā koe Alan Riley

Thank you for your email of 7 November 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- I would like to request information as to:
- current MFAT presence in Washington DC
- staff in Washington DC
- budget for Washington DC (per annum)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) has 9 staff members seconded to the New Zealand Embassy in Washington. The Ministry also employs 18 local staff members at the Embassy. The operating budget for the Washington Embassy is NZ\$13,664,251.00 per annum.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: <u>DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz</u>. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

Sarah Corbett for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade