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Dear Tyler

I refer to the following part of your Official Information Act (OIA) request which was transferred to the Treasury by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) on 13 February 2025. You requested the following:

"full powers" for New Zealand's representative to sign the Articles of Agreement of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
(<https://www.treaties.mfat.govt.nz/search/details/t/3828/930>)

(By "full powers", I mean a document that a head of state, a head of government, or the foreign minister, authorises someone else to sign or conclude a treaty on the state's behalf. Whether or not the document contains the term "full powers" in its heading for instance is really for the state to decide, which is New Zealand in this request. Also, this request is about the 'full powers' for "signature" of the Articles of Agreement by New Zealand.)

Information being released

I have decided to release document titled *'Articles of agreement in respect of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: Instruments of full power'* in response to your request.

Some information from the document is withheld under section 9(2)(k) of the OIA, to prevent the disclosure of information for improper gain or improper advantage. This reduces the possibility of staff being exposed to phishing, social engineering and other scams. This is because information released under the OIA may end up in the public domain, for example, on websites including Treasury's website.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

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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