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Ref: PMO OIA 757-2025-26

Dear Matthew,

Official Information Act request: Prime Minister's Matai title

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received by this office on 24 March 2026. You requested:

"I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding the initial Christopher Luxon Matai claim as reported in the media this week.

Timeline of Events:

[1] Please provide a detailed timeline of events related to the Prime Minister's Matai claim, including all significant dates and actions taken by relevant agencies.

Involved Agencies:

[2] Specifically, I request information about the roles and communications of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and the High Commissioner to Samoa concerning the initial Matai claim.

Documentation:

[3] Any documents, reports, minutes from meetings, or correspondence that relate to the claim across the mentioned agencies.

Decision-Making Process:

[4] Information regarding the decision-making processes by DPMC, MFAT, and the High Commissioner to Samoa concerning this claim, including any policies or guidelines that were followed."

I believe parts [2], [3] and [4] of your request are more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). Accordingly, I have decided to transfer these parts of your request to MFAT under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. The other parts of your request have not been transferred, and I will respond to these in due course.

MFAT has the usual time limits under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely,


Cameron Burrows
Chief of Staff