



11 June 2026

OIA299

Joshua Riley

By email: fyi-request-34653-f203e7e3@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Riley,

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 8 May 2026 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). On 11 May 2026, the following parts of your request were transferred to this office under section 14(b) of the Act for response:

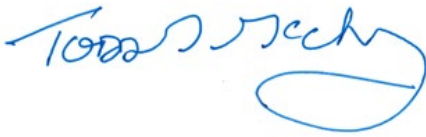
1. *Any Cabinet paper, Cabinet committee paper, or accompanying minute that addresses whether the New Zealand–India Free Trade Agreement can be renegotiated, varied, or amended after signing.*
3. *Any communications between the Prime Minister's Office and the Minister of Trade regarding the basis for the Minister's public position that the agreement "cannot be renegotiated."*
4. *A schedule of any Cabinet papers or Cabinet committee papers relating to the New Zealand–India Free Trade Agreement, identifying date and subject matter, even where the documents themselves are withheld.*

Parts one and four of your request is declined pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act as the information will be publicly available soon. I am advised the requested documents will be made available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website here: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/free-trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements-concluded-but-not-in-force/new-zealand-india-free-trade-agreement/resources.

Part three of your request is declined pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act – *that the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.*

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Todd McClay', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Hon Todd McClay

Minister for Trade and Investment