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Dear Andrew Riddell

I refer to your email of 23 February 2016 in which you request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I request copies of all reviews and assessments undertaken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the report Trading Down: Unemployment, Inequality and Other Risks of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, Jeronim Capaldo, Alex Izurieta, and Jomo Kwame Sundaram, GDAE Working Paper 16-01, January 2016.

I ask that this request be treated as urgent because of the limited time available to prepare a submission on the TPP to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee."

Please find attached a series of documents relating to your request.

Some information has been withheld under s 6(a) to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government, and under s 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals. Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the withheld information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Joana Johnston
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade