

8 April 2016

Helen and Matt Flannery
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Dear Helen and Matt Flannery

I refer to your email of 9 March 2016 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...In reference to Iranian Embassy demand for diplomatic parking outside their Embassy on Te Anau Road, Hataitai endorsed by MFAT for safety and security reasons.

We have requested this information via the WCC but no response has been forthcoming.

1. Please confirm whether an agreement (verbal or written) is in place between the New Zealand Government and the Iranian Government in regards to respective parking outside each others Embassies in the host country.

2. Please provide communication and details of any agreement and or communications relating to anything to do with supporting 3 diplomatic parks for the Iranians.

3. Any assessments relating to the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunity Act or the Vienna Convention which could apply to this agreement.

4. Please provide details of the security and safety issues and benefits of having this parking, identified by MFAT to WCC

5. Details of any security risk assessment for adjacent residential properties..."

This letter advises that due to the necessity for further consultation, we will need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 20 working days, to 9 May 2016. It is possible however, that even with this extension, we may be unable to release material relevant to your request.

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