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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..."*

Attached are the documents relevant to your request. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(ba): to protect the supply of confidential information by a third party;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments;
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Some documents have been withheld in full under section 6(b)(i) of the OIA.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the 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



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

