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Dear David

I refer to your email of 27 December 2017 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"This request is for all documentation regarding the decision to donate to the Clinton Health Access Initiative. In particular interested in proposal to donate, the criteria used for selection over other options, post donation evaluation, document supporting the proposal to continue donating."*

On 13 February 2018 we wrote to you to extend the date for responding to your request to 13 March 2018.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) has not made, and does not intend to make, any payments to the Clinton Foundation. We do intend to continue our work with the Clinton Health Access Initiative. The Clinton Health Access Initiative has been a separate non-profit legal entity from the Clinton Foundation since January 2010.

We have committed US\$9.96 million for a project designed to combat malnutrition amongst children in Rwanda and Ethiopia, managed by a Grant Funding Arrangement with the Clinton Health Access Initiative. Payments are made in line with an agreed annual work programme and budget updates as determined by the Grant Funding Arrangement. All payments are subject to ongoing and satisfactory performance against objectives, outlined in Annual Reporting. The Clinton Health Access Initiative is a partner that the Ministry deems to be appropriate and effective in delivering development outcomes.

As part of this project, over 55,000 mothers and children have been provided with subsidised fortified and nutritious food to date. The project has also delivered technical assistance to improve farming practices, and enhanced efficiencies in the domestic maize supply chain.

The New Zealand Government regards combatting malnutrition in infants as an acceptable use of our development funds.

The Ministry has so far provided a total of NZ\$8.02million (equivalent to US\$6.14million or 62% of the total budget) to the Clinton Health Access Initiative:

- NZ\$359,811 in February 2014 for design work
- NZ\$2,693,808 in March 2014 on activity commencement
- NZ\$2,087,962 in May 2015 following Ministry approval of the first progress report
- NZ\$2,552,869 in May 2016 following Ministry approval of the second progress report, and
- NZ\$276,916 in December 2017 for an agreed milestone payment.

The Ministry is one of four international donors who support the programme. Ministry funds are used to support the agricultural work within the program, targeted towards ensuring a reliable supply of high-quality inputs for local production of fortified blended food, and improving the yields and incomes of local smallholder farmers.

Further payments totalling approximately USD\$3.86 million are anticipated to be made on the CHAI in Ethiopia and Rwanda, according to agreed milestones noted in the Grant Funding Arrangement, as follows:

- USD\$668,625 in April 2018
- USD\$668,625 in October/November 2018
- Up to USD\$970,398 during 2018 (date to be confirmed)
- Up to USD\$1,550,729 in 2019

As noted above continued funding is determined by satisfactory annual reporting as outlined in the Grant Funding Arrangement. The Clinton Health Access Initiative is implementing its own monitoring and evaluation frameworks which forms part of their Annual Reporting. A Ministry formal evaluation is not planned until after the project has been completed and will likely be jointly funded by all donors supporting the project, (refer to our website: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/our-approach-to-aid/evaluation-and-research/> for the Ministry's Evaluation Programme procedures).

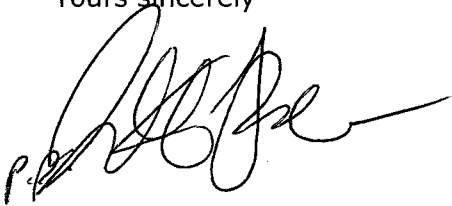
The attached documents provide you with relevant information pertaining to the reasons for and advice upon which funding has been approved. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party; and
- 9(2)(ba): to protect the supply of confidential information by a third party.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Wendy Adams', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Wendy Adams  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade