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Dear Nick R

I refer to your email of 18 May 2018 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I understand that the Ministry has commissioned or undertaken a number of structure and remuneration reviews/reports in the course of the past 6 years. Can you please provide the final versions of those reviews/report?"

Further to my decision letter to you of 16 July, attached are the documents relevant to your request, relating to the last 6 years, i.e. 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013. Some portions of the documents are withheld because they are out of scope or under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party;
- 9(2)(d): to protect the economic interests of New Zealand; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

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

Wendy Adams
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade