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Dear Kieran MacDonald

I refer to your email of 9 November 2019 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I would like to know how many New Zealanders are currently held in Prisons, Detention centers, or other Chinese Government facilities in China?"

I would also like to know if there are, how many have been convicted of a Crime in China and how many are being held without conviction?"

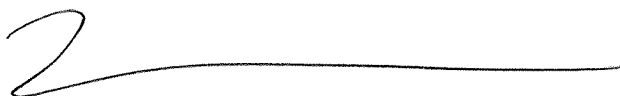
The Ministry only holds information on New Zealanders who are being held in detention centres or prisons in China, who have sought consular assistance from our diplomatic missions overseas. Our records show there are currently three New Zealanders being held in Chinese detention centres and 10 New Zealanders being held in Chinese prisons.

The 10 New Zealanders in prison have all been convicted of a crime/s, hence they are being held in prison. The three detainees are awaiting sentencing.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details redacted) may be published on the Ministry's website.

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