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Dear Jungdong Keun

I refer to your email of 17 October 2020 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I make official information act request for all information held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand related to the sexual assault charges and arrest warrants issued for Mr Hong-kon Kim the Deputy Ambassador at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Wellington.

This request please include all communication between the Korean Government and the New Zealand Government and all advice given to the Embassy and New Zealand Ministers."

The provision of information relating to the work of New Zealand Government agencies, such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, is governed by the OIA. The OIA specifies who can rely on it to seek information from government agencies. This criteria is found in section 12(1) of the OIA and provides:

Any person, being-

- (a) A New Zealand citizen; or
 - (b) A permanent resident of New Zealand; or
 - (c) A person who is in New Zealand; or
 - (d) A body corporate which is incorporated in New Zealand; or
 - (e) A body corporate which is incorporated outside New Zealand but which has a place of business in New Zealand,
- may request ... specified official information.

Could you please provide proof that you fulfil one of the criteria outlined in section 12(1) of the OIA. You may send your confirmation to dm-esd@mfat.govt.nz.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



Julie-Anne Lee
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade