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Tēnā koe Scott,

I refer to your email of 3 June 2021 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. Copies of the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Annual Assessments of Results
- 2. Noting that the Evaluation Operational Policy provides for withholding publication of activity evaluation reports under certain circumstances, I request, for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 reporting periods:
 - The title of all reports that have not been published on the MFAT website
 - The completion date of these reports (month and year)

If MFAT decides that there are reports for which the above details can rightly be withheld under the OIA, I would like to know how many are being withheld.

- 3. I request the number of Activity Completion Assessments produced for the 2019-2020 reporting period, broken down by whole of activity cost. Please break down costs by the thresholds given in the Activity Planning Policy, i.e:
 - 1) Up to \$500,000
 - 2)\$500,000 to \$1.5m
 - 3)\$1.5m to \$10m
 - 4) Over \$10m
- 4. I request the same for the Activity Monitoring Assessments produced for the 2019-2020 reporting period, broken down in the same way.

For the sake of clarity, we will respond to each of your questions in turn below.

1. Copies of the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Annual Assessments of Results

Please find attached the Annual Assessment of Results report for 2017-18. There was no equivalent report written or commissioned for 2018-19.

2. The title of all reports that have not been published on the MFAT website. The completion date of these reports (month and year).

We are aware of one instance during the specified reporting period where a decision was made not to publish a complete activity evaluation report. This was for the mid-term review of the

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'Timor-Leste Community Policing Support Programme' activity, in October 2019. A summary version of this evaluation report was published on the MFAT website at the following link: www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/Aid-Prog-docs/Evaluations/2019/Timor-Leste-policing-review-2019-Summary-version.pdf.

3. I request the number of Activity Completion Assessments produced for the 2019-2020 reporting period, broken down by whole of activity cost.

The number of Activity Completion Assessments (ACA) produced for the 2019-20 reporting period (defined as any ACA for which the last day of the assessment period falls between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020) are as follows:

Whole of Activity Cost	Number of ACAs produced
Up to \$500,000	14
\$500,000 to \$1.5 million	27
\$1.5 million to \$10 million	27
Over \$10 million	6
Total	74

4. I request the same for the Activity Monitoring Assessments produced for the 2019-2020 reporting period, broken down in the same way.

The number of Activity Monitoring Assessments (AMA) produced for the 2019-20 reporting period (defined as any AMA for which the last day of the assessment period falls between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020) are as follows:

Whole of Activity Cost	Number of AMAs produced
Up to \$500,000	12
\$500,000 to \$1.5 million	46
\$1.5 million to \$10 million	187
Over \$10 million	52
Total	297

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

Julie-Anne Lee

for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade