

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

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Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister of Local Government

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Harry Peterson

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Tēnā koe Harry Peterson

I am writing concerning your OIA request below.

"I am requesting all communications through your office as Minister of Foreign Affairs requesting all communications regarding the appointment of Rt Hon Trevor Mallard as ambassador to Ireland.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Communications regarding a diplomatic Visa*
- Communications regarding the reason for a hold up or delay in the appointment of the Rt Hon Trevor Mallard as ambassador to Ireland."*

We will need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 20 working days, to 10 November 2022. This is because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time frame (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

However, if this process is completed before 10 November 2022, the response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. C. Mahuta'.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minita Take Aorere / Minister of Foreign Affairs