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Tēnā koe John Smith

I refer to your email of 30 April 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Please release all documents received by New Zealand under Article 19 and 20 of the Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans Pacific Partnership.*

As of the date of your request, New Zealand (in its capacity as CPTPP Depository) has received notifications from Japan, Singapore and Chile under Article 20 of *The Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership*. This information is withheld in full under section 6(b)(i) of the OIA, to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis.

No notifications have been received under Article 19 and we therefore refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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