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Dear Andrew Smith

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 19 June 2015 to the Ministry of Social Development. Your request was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 22 June 2015, and seeks the following under the OIA:

"...I am seeking to have access to background papers prepared for the negotiations for the Agreement on Social Security between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Australia done at Canberra on 28 March 2001. I wish to receive papers relating to policy and estimates as to costs arising to each state..."

This letter advises that due to the need to locate historical documents, some of which are stored off-site, we are extending the time limit for responding to you by 20 working days, to 17 August 2015. It is possible however, that even with this extension, we may not be able to release material relevant to your request.

Yours sincerely



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade