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Ref: IPC OIA 15-189

Mr James Black

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Dear Mr Black

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email dated 11 September 2015, in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. Copies of the submissions provided in response to the recent discussion document proposing the reform of the Customs and Excise Act 1996; and
2. A list of the submissions.

As indicated in your email, Customs intends to publicly release the majority of the submissions made in response to the Customs and Excise Act review Consultation Document. These submissions have been collated and reviewed by Customs, and we are in the process of contacting the submitters to determine which submissions (or which parts of some submissions) can be released publicly. This step is necessary because some submissions contain personal information (to be withheld under s 9(2)(a) of the OIA), confidential information (to be withheld under s 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA) and/or commercially sensitive information (to be withheld under s 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA).

Until this process is complete, Customs is unable to release the requested information. Consequently, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information (for the most part) is soon to be made publicly available. However, please note that when the majority of the submissions are made available to the public, some information will still be withheld under the sections mentioned above. When the submissions are available, they will be published on Customs' website (www.customs.govt.nz).

Please be advised that you have the right, by way of complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review of this decision. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter please feel free to contact Customs again at OIA@customs.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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