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Dear Thomas Kensington

I refer to your email of 5 February 2016 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*My request under the OIA is about consultation with iwis around the country on the [TPP] agreement. I would like to receive:*

- *A list of all the meetings at which iwis were invited - by date, location and iwis invited and that have attended;*
- *A list of all the meetings with representatives of Maori organisations such as FOMA or the Maori Trustee;*

*the NIA notes that MFAT sent "distributed to iwi and Māori organisations a six monthly report on international treaties under negotiation [...]which included information on TPP.*

- *Can you please provide all information on TPP distributed as part of these six monthly reports.*
- *The list of Maori organisations and iwi that have received these reports.*

On 4 March 2016 we extended the time for responding to your request until 5 April 2016 due to the need to conduct further consultations.

In response to your request, I can advise you that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) engaged with Māori on trade and economic issues through a number of mechanisms. For example, MFAT:

- attended the Federation of Māori Authorities Conferences in 2014 and 2015 and the Māori Fisheries Conference (Auckland, March 2015);
- engaged, through a general outreach programme, with a number of Māori businesses and Māori export economy representatives in 2013 to 2015 including: Miraka Dairy Limited; Tuaropaki; Sealord; Aotearoa Fisheries Limited; Waikato Milking Systems (which is two-thirds owned by Ngai Tahu Holdings Corporation and Tainui Holdings Group Limited); Te Ohu Kaimoana (Māori Fisheries Trust); Te Awanui

Huka Pak; Tainui Group Holdings Limited, Ngai Tahu Holdings Corporation; Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu; and Te Tumu Paeroa (the Māori Trustee).

- met with senior Māori leaders in 2009 to stimulate a dialogue on trade policy and economic issues;
- provided six monthly updates on international treaties under negotiation (although these were not distributed between July 2012 and July 2014);
- MFAT's Maori Policy unit regularly engages with Maori business units in both public and private circles.

In relation to TPP, MFAT invited initial public submissions in October 2008. The Ministry received 65 responses to the invitation, including from Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated. A second invitation for public comment was made in 2011, though the Ministry received no submissions specifically representing Māori interests. In addition:

- Meetings were held with the Federation of Māori Authorities and Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa (Māori Medical Practitioners' Association) (together with officials from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and representatives from other clinicians' groups).
- Representatives from Te Kupenga Hauora Māori, University of Auckland registered for the stakeholder programme at the negotiating round in Auckland in December 2012.
- MBIE met with representatives from Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated in September 2010 following an invitation to all claimants in the Wai 262 claim (*Ko Aotearoa Tenei*) then pending before the Waitangi Tribunal.

Since the conclusion of TPP negotiations, engagement with Māori has encompassed presentations at the Federation of Māori Authorities annual conference on 10 October 2015 and to the Auckland Independent Māori Statutory Board on 4 November 2015, and a hui with the claimants and interested parties to the Waitangi Tribunal claim concerning TPP (Wai 2522) on 26 November 2015. A round of hui focusing on the outcomes and benefits of TPP for Māori and the provisions in TPP that specifically relate to Māori interests are currently ongoing.

In addition, please find attached a series of documents relevant to your request:

- At Annex A: a list of meetings held with iwi and representatives of Māori organisations on TPP;

- At Annex B: all information on TPP distributed to iwi and Māori organisations as part of six-monthly reports on international treaties under negotiation (including an example of a letter sent in 2014 advising a change in format for the six-monthly reports);
- At Annex C: the current distribution list for the six-monthly reports on international treaties under negotiation.

Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) in order to protect the privacy of individuals; in this case, the individuals who attended these meetings or received information from us and their contact details and the names and contact details of officials who no longer work in the roles in question.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the withheld information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade