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Dear Natasha Frost

I refer to your email of 15 February 2016 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I am writing to ask how much the TPPA has cost New Zealand so far, including legal advice, negotiators, hosting delegates and the signing, sending negotiators and ministers around the world, policing protests and all other associated costs.

I would be happy to have an estimate (even a rough one) if this information is not readily available. Please release whatever you can."

On 14 March 2016, we wrote to you extending the timeframe for your OIA request by an additional 30 working days to 28 April 2016. We also invited you to narrow the scope of your request and we gave you some suggestions about how this could be done.

This is a follow up letter to ask that you narrow the scope of your request. The current scope of your request is such that we may need to refuse it under section 18(f) of the OIA if it is not refined further.

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