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Dear Andrew Riddell

I refer to your email of 19 April 2016 in which you request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

> *"Thanks for sending those five documents in response to my request fyi-request-3664-53eab4fc@requests.fyi.org.nz*
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> *The three documents that are not emails are undated. What are the dates for each of the three documents supplied that isn't an email?*
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> *The email dated Monday 15 February 2016--you have deleted the identity of the sender of the email. That is fine in so far as I am not interested in the name of the person sending the email. However please provide a description of the organisation and country the person sending the email works for.*
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> *The email dated Wednesday 20 January is clearly a response to a query from a person most likely in Treasury about the "Tufts report". Why hasn't that originating email been included in this release of information I asked for. Are there other documents relating to the "Tuft's report" that haven't been provided?*
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> *There is an undated 10 page report titled "Comment on Trading Down: Unemployment, Inequality and Other Risks of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement". Despite this title the claim is made that most of the report is out of scope. Please provide this report in full.*
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> *There is a six page report titled "Modelling of Trans-Pacific Partnership: Summaries and New Zealand Outcomes" where a significant portion of the report is claimed to be out of scope. Why does the report include comment on Coates et al reference to the Tufts report, yet claim that another report that "counter Capaldo et al claims" is out of scope. Please provide the full report.*
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> *In the information relased, the statement is made in several places that "There is a considerable amount of empirical evidence showing the exact opposite. For example, in New Zealand as the wool sector declined people took new jobs producing dairy products, kiwifruit and wine." Please provide the empirical evidence supporting this statement."*

The three documents that were released to you (two of which are being released to you in their complete versions, per this request) have the following dates:

- The three-page report was provided to FADTC on 17 February 2016. This document is also available on the FADTC website.
- The ten-page report is an internal document, and has not been released or published. It has a 'last modified' date of 17 February 2016.
- The six-page report is also internal, and has a 'last modified' date of 9 March 2016.

The first email to which you refer (15 February) was released to you with the sender noted as being from 'WSH'. This is an MFAT abbreviation for the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, D.C.

With regard to the second email to which you refer (20 January):

- In your original request, you asked for "copies of all reviews and assessments undertaken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the report 'Trading Down: Unemployment, Inequality and Other Risks of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement'". The email in question did not fall within the scope of this request, so was not provided to you; however we attach it now for your information. Parts of the email have been withheld under s 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals.
- There are no other documents relating to the 'Trading Down' report. All reviews and assessments undertaken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the report have been provided to you. Had any document been withheld in full, it would have been noted in the original cover letter with the requisite ground under the Official Information Act.

Information about the decline of jobs in the wool sector and corresponding growth of the dairy, kiwifruit and wine industries is already publically available in the New Zealand Yearbooks. These are available on the Statistics New Zealand website: http://www.stats.govt.nz/yearbooks.

Please also find attached the reports you request in your fourth and fifth questions.

Where information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the 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

Joana Johnston
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade