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Dear James Lowry

I refer to your letter of 1 March 2016 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...a copy of all advice and or recommendations provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on West Papua or Western New Guinea during the period of 01 January 2001 to 29 February 2016."

On 11 March 2016 I wrote to you advising that our research has shown that as currently described, the scope of your request encompasses a very large body of information, and asked you to consider more specifically the information sought. On 18 March 2016 and 24 March 2016 I sent further emails seeking your response. On 1 April 2016 - the date the Ministry was obliged to respond to your request - I again wrote inviting you to more specifically identify the information that you seek

As of the date of this letter I have not received a response to any of my correspondence.

As you have not responded to our requests to refine the scope of the request, I am now refusing the request under section 18(f) of the OIA: that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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

Yours sincerely



Joana Johnston
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade