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Dear Beryl Beauchamp

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

- "1. A list of all trips made by Shane Jones to Nauru, Mauritius and the Seychelles since his appointment as New Zealand High Commissioner.*
- 2. A list of all meetings attended by Shane Jones on these trips in his capacity as New Zealand High Commissioner.*
- 3. All briefing notes, aide memoires, memos provided to Shane Jones before these meetings.*
- 4. All meeting notes and any reports recording the discussions and outcomes of these meetings."*

His Excellency, Mr Shane Jones, High Commissioner Nauru, Mauritius and the Seychelles, has visited Nauru, Mauritius and the Seychelles once since his appointment.

Attached are the documents relevant to your request. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the new Zealand Government;
- 6(b): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(ba): to protect the supply of confidential information by a third party;
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments."

Where the 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joana Johnston', written in a cursive style.

Joana Johnston
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade