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Dear Reuven Schwencke

Thank you for your request of 14 August under the Official Information Act for a copy of the report on the viability of major energy projects in Samoa carried out by David Wright, a management consultant, in late 2011.

We are making good progress in dealing with the request, but some further consultation is required before a copy of the report can be released. To meet the original time limit to respond would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry at this time and an extension to 21 September 2012 (equivalent to another 7 working days), is therefore necessary to deal adequately with the request. However, we will get back to you before that new deadline if at all possible.

Under Section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review the notice of an extension.

Yours sincerely

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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade