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Dear Donald Kern

I refer to your 4 March 2017 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"1. A full accounting of persons who were invited and/or admitted to the New Zealand embassy in Washington, D.C., United States of America, on 17 January 2017 (US time). This should include all caterers and any other persons who are not normally granted access to the embassy grounds (i.e., sovereign soil of New Zealand).

2. A full fiscal accounting of all expenditures related to the supposed "Trump Inauguration Party" held on 17 January 2017, i.e., all expenditures for food, wine, liquor, decorations, clothing rentals, drugs and/or any and all expenditures related to this "party"..."

This letter advises that due to the necessity for further consultation, we will need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 15 working days, to 26 April 2017. It is possible however, that even with this extension, we may be unable to release material relevant to your request.

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