



Office of Hon Christopher Finlayson

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David Johnston

By email: fyi-request5657-7610a94a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Johnston

I refer to your email of 2 April 2017 to the Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Todd McClay. Your request has been transferred to our office as the matters you raise relate to the portfolio of Hon Christopher Finlayson as Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations. You requested:

On the 19th November 1835 Māori from the Taranaki region sailed to the Chatham Islands where they kill and enslaved the Moriori population.

Does the New Zealand Government formally recognise this as genocide?

I am transferring your request to the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information you request is more closely connected with the functions of OTS.

You will receive a response from OTS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'A Corlett'.

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Office of Hon Christopher Finlayson QC