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Tēnā koe David

### Official Information Act 1982 request

I refer to your email of 2 April 2017 to the Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*On the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 event as a genocide?*

In 11 April 2017 your request was referred to the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) under section 14 of the Act as the information requested is more closely connected with the functions of OTS.

I can confirm there are no documents that fall within the scope of your request and have declined it under section 18(e) of the Act.

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act if you are not satisfied with my response to your request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by emailing [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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