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Dear Donna Tobin

Official Information Act request relating to Extradited Persons from Australia to New Zealand

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 2 October 2018. You requested:

"...Any information and communications held by the Ministry or Minister as to the reasons why all extraditees have been returned to New Zealand after being refused entry into the Australia the requesting country. Information regarding why the person extradited on 10/3/2017 was treated differently.

Information as to what is being done by the New Zealand government to resolve the matters, including any proposals by the NZ government to allow Australia to place extradited people in Detention with no rights of appeals, be subject to acknowledged torture and have their human rights and access to services, fair trials and resources undermined? .."

I believe your request is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). In our view it would have been necessary under section 14 of the Act to transfer your request to MFAT, as the information you have requested relates to its functions. However, we are aware that you have already made your request to MFAT, and therefore we have not transferred it.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act. Relevant information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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