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Dear Andrew Joseph

I refer to your email of 22 November 2018 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I would like to request an unredacted copy of the 2014 Geographical Indications (wine and spirits) Registration Act 2006 cabinet paper. I would also like to request any advice, briefings or memos prepared for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Trade, and/or the Minister of Commerce, regarding the implementation of the Geographical Indicators (wine and spirits) Registration Act 2006 since December 2014."

On 5 December 2018, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment transferred the below part of your request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade:

"I would also like to request any advice, briefings or memos prepared for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Trade, and/or the Minister of Commerce, regarding the implementation of the Geographical Indicators (wine and spirits) Registration Act 2006 since December 2014."

Attached are the documents relevant to your request. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(e)(vi): to avoid damage to the New Zealand economy by the premature disclosure of decisions relating to entering into of overseas trade agreements;
- 9(2)(ba): to protect the supply of confidential information by a third party;
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents may be published on the Ministry's website.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'W' followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Wendy Adams
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade