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Dear John Luke

I refer to your email of 16 September 2019 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"I would like to know in the past 3 years has MFAT make any recommendations to appoint any experts to the United Nations and its associated bodies. E.g Panel of Experts on Trade Protocol for WHO.  
[https://www.who.int/fctc/protocol/activities/Expert\\_Panel\\_on\\_Illicit\\_Trade\\_Protocol/en/](https://www.who.int/fctc/protocol/activities/Expert_Panel_on_Illicit_Trade_Protocol/en/)"*

The Ministry votes in a wide range of United Nations elections every year and in most cases New Zealand does not have its own expert candidate.

To assist us with processing your request, can you please clarify whether you mean recommendations of New Zealand experts to the United Nations and its associated bodies, or whether you are seeking information pertaining to any expert New Zealand has voted for in the United Nations and its associated bodies?

Please confirm by 2 October 2019 so we can provide you with the information you are seeking.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Adams  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade