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Tēnā koe Sebastian

I refer to your email of 10 May 2021 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...This is a request for the following 9 documents:

ONE: I request a copy of the current Pacific Reset priority areas and work programme

TWO: Cabinet minute ERS-18-MIN-0028 noted that

"A further omnibus report on the implementation of the Pacific Reset will be submitted to Cabinet before the end of 2019"

I request a copy of this report.

THREE: I request copies of all other Pacific Reset reports-back since the beginning of 2020

FOUR: Cabinet minute ERS-18-MIN-0028 also noted that

"Significant progress has been made on a refreshed New Zealand approach to regional security, intended to align with and support implementation of the Boe Declaration"

I request a copy of the refreshed approach to regional security referred to here

FIVE: I also request a copy of MFAT's implementation plan for the Boe Declaration

SIX: I request a copy of CAB-18-MIN-0537

SEVEN: I request a copy of the Pacific Realm Policy Framework

EIGHT: The 2019-2020 MFAT Annual Report notes that

"A 2019 stocktake of New Zealand agency engagement in the Realm strengthened awareness and highlighted opportunities for enhanced coordination in areas such as health, education and climate change"

I request a copy of this stocktake.

NINE: The 2019-2020 MFAT Annual Report also notes that

"In June [2020], the Ministry prepared advice to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on recalibrating New Zealand's Pacific engagement to respond to the far-reaching and serious impacts of COVID-19 across the region in the short to medium term"

This letter advises that, due to the necessity for further consultation and review, we will need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 25 working days, to 13 July 2021. If this process is completed and we are able to respond before 13 July 2021, the response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade