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Dear John Luke

**Official Information Act request for the Letter from the Chinese Ambassador offering assistance for the cyclone recovery effort and the BRI Memorandum of Arrangement**

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 17 March 2023. You requested:

*"I noted*

*<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.newshub.co.nz%2Fhome%2Fpolitics%2F2023%2F03%2Fchina-wants-to-help-new-zealand-recover-from-cyclone-gabrielle-including-financing-constructing-key-infrastructure.html&data=05%7C01%7Cinformation%40dpmc.govt.nz%7Ce7c2d2cd89ce4bbbc51d08db26133f1a%7Ceea6053309ef4b7a94060f38551cc613%7C0%7C0%7C638145636350050346%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uy%2BzUG3k3MMurvq%2BJQaJNRVwMac0KOfiF%2FDLKz%2BKdvc%3D&reserved=0>*

*Can you please provide the full copy of the letter from Chinese Ambassador and full copy of the BRI memorandum of arrangement."*

I have determined that your request should be transferred, and we have extended the ten working day time-limit available to make these transfers. This extension is required because of the consultation needed to determine if we could respond directly.

I can now advise that I believe the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to the MFAT under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

The MFAT have the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Amy Teague,  
Manager, Ministerial Services