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Dear Natasha Frost

I refer to your email of 15 February 2016 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"I am writing to ask how much the TPPA has cost New Zealand so far, including legal advice, negotiators, hosting delegates and the signing, sending negotiators and ministers around the world, policing protests and all other associated costs.*

*I would be happy to have an estimate (even a rough one) if this information is not readily available. Please release whatever you can."*

We note that you have requested "how much the TPPA has cost New Zealand so far". The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) does not have visibility over the entire cost of the TPPA to New Zealand. Although TPPA costs have been borne by MFAT, other Government agencies and private individuals may also have incurred costs.

So that we are able to respond as helpfully as we can, we invite you to consider narrowing the scope of your request. Would you be interested in narrowing your scope to: "*How much did the TPPA signing ceremony cost MFAT*"? Would you also be interested in narrowing your scope to specific costs, such as the cost of hosting and accommodating diplomats?

Due to the necessity for further consultation, we will also need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 30 working days, to Thursday, 28 April 2016.

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

Yours sincerely

 Joana Johnston  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade