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Dear Billy Leung

I refer to your email of 21 July 2016 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"I would like to request for information or correspondences made from the New Zealand government and its overseas mission to Hong Kong concerning*

- 1. the ability of bringing the same-sex spouse of diplomatic staff to Hong Kong, and response from the Government of Hong Kong.*
- 2. how a person who is gender X, as recognized under NZ law, recognized under Hong Kong law.*

*I would also like to know whether there's any other country in Asia where New Zealand diplomatic staff can bring their same-sex partner being recognized as such for immigration purpose."*

This letter advises that due to the necessity for further consultation, we will need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 15 working days, to 8 September 2016. It is possible however, that even with this extension, we may be unable to release material relevant to your request.

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

Yours sincerely

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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade