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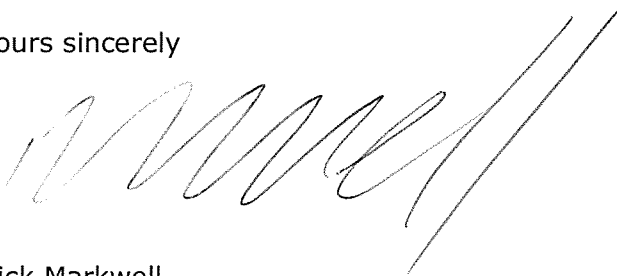
Dear Joshua Grainger

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2014 in which you requested under the Official Information Act information pertaining to: *"How New Zealand appoints Honorary Consuls to foreign countries including any procedures or policies that outline who can be selected as a Honorary Consul, and any procedures or policies that outline how any complaints about Honorary Counsels are to be dealt with including if there have been any complaints made about Honorary Consuls made in the last 5 years, and if there have been, a breakdown of the date, outcome, and a brief description of the nature of the complaint."*

We have assembled the relevant documents and are currently carrying out the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request. These consultations are such that a proper response to your request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. We are therefore extending that period by a further 10 working days to 16 September.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this notice of an extension.

Yours sincerely



Nick Markwell  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade