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Tēnā koe Kelly Roe

I refer to your email of 24 February 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I read in the Newspapers that the New Zealand Government requested the Russian Ambassador come along and hear what the New Zealand Government had to say about various things happening in the region.

I am wondering when the New Zealand Government requested the Ukrainian Ambassador come along and tell the New Zealand Government about various things happening in the region.

Can I have a copy of the transcript of what the Ukrainian Ambassador had to say to the NZ Government?

On 24 March 2022, you were informed that the timeline for responding to your request for information was extended to 1 April 2022. Thank you for your patience while this process was completed.

Please find attached the readout of the meeting. Some information has been withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government.

For your information, the Ministry is currently in the process of publishing a proactive release of documents regarding the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This will be published at the following link: [Russian invasion of Ukraine | New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(mfat.govt.nz\)](https://mfat.govt.nz/russian-invasion-of-ukraine)

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

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Nāku noa, nā



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade