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Tēnā koe Scott

I refer to your email of 15 August 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'...a copy of the speech delivered by Consul General to Hawaii Mike Ketchen to the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Exchange conference held in Honolulu earlier this month. If any talking points or presentation (e.g. PowerPoint slides) were prepared for the Consul General's participation in this event, I would like to request copies of these as well.'

The information relevant to your request is attached. We have withheld some information under the following section of the OIA:

- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

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

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Nāku noa, nā



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