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Dear Dhaya Haran

I refer to your email of 26 February 2016 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"We would like to clarify what the New Zealand Government's understanding of the Sri Lankan Government's reconciliation process is.

1. *We request all information held by the New Zealand government about the Sri Lankan Government's "reconciliation process", which informs the opinions stated in the paragraphs above, of the existence of "the considerable efforts...the Government of Sri Lanka [is] putting into the country's reconciliation process" and of the Government of Sri Lanka's "significant programme of post-war reconciliation.*
2. *We request all information giving details of any support provided to the Sri Lankan government since the 2002 peace-process to present, or planned in the future by the New Zealand Government or other New Zealand bodies or persons that the New Zealand Government has authority over.*
3. *We request all documents relating to how the New Zealand Government evaluates support given to the Sri Lankan Government by the New Zealand Government or other New Zealand bodies or persons that the New Zealand Government has authority over."*

This letter advises that due to the necessity for further consultation, we will need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 20 working days, to 27 April 2016, however I will provide the response before that date if I am able.

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

Yours sincerely



Joana Johnston
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade