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Dear Lance Talstra

I refer to your email of 9 May 2017 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...I would like to know the name(s) of the organisation(s) that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade purchases bottled water from for disaster relief and emergency situations..."

In general the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade does not purchase bottled water for offshore emergency responses as there can be more efficient, cost effective and environmentally friendly options for supplying fresh water to communities overseas following disasters.

We have, on occasion, facilitated the transport of bottled water donated by a private company where this relief was in line with requests from an affected government.

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

Yours sincerely



Joana Johnston
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade