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I refer to your letter received on 30 May 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*I am writing to you to request under the Official Information Act 1992 any information and records of discussions or advice received or given, held by your organisation regarding: the possible display of an Armenian flag at the ANZAC Day ceremony at Atatürk Memorial Park this year; any concerns raised by the Turkish Embassy in relation to this possibility; the decision of Police to issue anyone displaying said flag at the aforementioned ANZAC ceremony with a trespass notice.*

You were notified on 29 June 2022 that the timeframe for responding to your request for information was extended by 10 working days, to 13 July 2022. Thank you for your patience while this process was completed.

The Ministry holds no related to the possible display of the Armenian flag at the ANZAC Day ceremony at Atatürk Memorial Park this year. As such, your request for information is refused under Section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

I can confirm that the Ministry provided no advice on this matter, either before the event or on the day of the event. Neither the Turkish Ambassador nor the Embassy made requests to the Ministry prior to the event or on the day of the event. I also note that the Ministry has no role in Police operational matters.

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

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade