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I refer to your email of 9 June 2022 to the Department of Internal Affairs, which was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) on 15 June 2022, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

What instructions may have been issued to overseas travel websites on New Zealand's name, by Nanaia Mahuta in her role as Minister of Foreign Affairs via her Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

I can confirm that no instructions have been issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding the use of New Zealand's name on overseas travel websites. As such, your request for information is refused under Section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

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. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade