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Tēnā koe

I refer to your emails of 1 July 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'In April 2022, the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee published its report on the "International treaty examination of the New Zealand-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement". In this report (p4) they noted that

"the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade have agreed to provide advice on mitigating factors that may guard against the potential harm of the copyright extension term

I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

any other advice or communications MFAT holds on mitigating the harm of copyright term extension.'

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has not provided any other advice or communications on mitigating the harm of copyright term extension. Therefore, your request is refused under s18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested 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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