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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your email of 30 November 2021, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Please provide me with all communications to and from Air New Zealand regarding engineering work it did for Saudi Arabia from January 2019 to October 2019.

Following consultation with the relevant teams, we can confirm that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) had no communication with Air New Zealand concerning engineering work and Saudi Arabia in the period specified. As no communications exist, your request is accordingly refused under section 18(e) of the OIA.

For your reference, the outcome of the Ministry's review into the broader matter you refer to was published on the MFAT website in March 2021, and can be viewed online at:

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources/export-controls-decision/>

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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