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Tēnā koe^{s9(2)(a)}

I refer to your email of 23 June 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

On 22 June 2022, according to TVNZ 6 PM news, Air New Zealand has been asked to drop engine maintenance contracts with Turkey. The news piece states that "A controversial Air New Zealand unit quit fixing engines for the Taiwanese and Turkish navies following a top secret Government phone call, 1News can reveal." No logical reason has been given as to why. Can I have the reasons behind the government's decisions on Turkish contracts please.

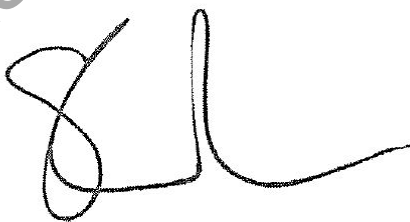
On 22 July 2022, the deadline for responding to your request was extended until 5 August 2022.

There have been no Government decisions on Turkish contracts. Air New Zealand made its own decisions on future work and was not given any direction by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Therefore, I am refusing your request for this information 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) and enclosed documents 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



Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade