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I refer to your email of 4 October 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

With respect I request the following information as an OIA.

I would like to know how many of Kiwis have died or gone missing abroad between October 1 2019 until October 1 2022.

I would also like the country they died or disappeared in, along with the age and gender of each person and cause of death.

You were informed that the timeframe for responding to your request for information was extended by 10 working days to 16 November 2022. Thank you for your patience while this process was completed.

We have interpreted your request for information about “Kiwis” to mean New Zealand citizens. Please note that we do not hold information relating to non-New Zealand citizens.

Please find attached a list of countries/jurisdictions where New Zealand citizens have died or have been reported missing.

Please note that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) is not automatically advised when a New Zealander dies or is reported as missing overseas. The data we hold relates only to New Zealand citizens whose death or status has been reported to consular officials.

Regarding age, gender, and cause of death – our case management system is not able to produce reports on this information. To provide this information would require us to go through every case note within scope of this request to retrieve the requested information. Due to the substantial collation required, this aspect of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA.

If this information were collated, we assess it likely would be withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect individuals’ privacy.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

New Zealand Citizens reported dead or missing to Consular Officials October 1 2019 - October 1 2022

| Jurisdictions | Number of Deaths |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Australia | 86 |
| Bahrain | 1 |
| Brazil | 4 |
| Bulgaria | 1 |
| Cambodia | 9 |
| Canada | 3 |
| Chile | 1 |
| China | 34 |
| Colombia | 1 |
| Cook Islands | 5 |
| Croatia | 1 |
| Cyprus | 1 |
| Denmark | 1 |
| Egypt | 1 |
| Fiji | 3 |
| France | 11 |
| French Polynesia | 2 |
| Germany | 12 |
| Ghana | 1 |
| Hong Kong | 3 |
| India | 6 |
| Indonesia | 23 |
| Ireland | 1 |
| Italy | 1 |
| Japan | 7 |
| Kenya | 3 |
| Korea | 6 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1 |
| Laos | 3 |
| Latvia | 1 |
| Malaysia | 4 |
| Mexico | 3 |
| Morocco | 1 |
| Myanmar | 2 |
| Netherlands | 4 |
| Oman | 1 |
| Pakistan | 1 |
| Papua New Guinea | 6 |
| Peru | 2 |
| Philippines | 11 |
| Qatar | 1 |
| Samoa | 2 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1 |
| Singapore | 4 |
| Solomon Islands | 1 |
| South Africa | 7 |
| Spain | 2 |
| Sri Lanka | 3 |
| Switzerland | 5 |
| Taiwan | 3 |
| Thailand | 64 |
| Tonga | 7 |
| Turkey | 1 |
| Ukraine | 2 |
| United Arab Emirates | 9 |
| United Kingdom | 59 |
| United States of America | 30 |
| Vanuatu | 4 |
| Viet Nam | 11 |

| Jurisdictions | Number Missing |
|---------------|----------------|
| Afghanistan | 1 |
| Australia | 2 |
| Nigeria | 1 |
| Philippines | 1 |
| Samoa | 1 |