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I refer to your email of 26 January 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- *Any advice you have sought or received from whom relating to any contracts MFAT has signed with Alphabet or subsidiary Google in relation to digital cloud services.*
- *The past, current and ongoing costs for any cloud storage that MFAT has arranged with any digital cloud service providers, by name, amount, date of contract and duration of storage*
- *Any current contracts with digital cloud services that are unable to be fulfilled by either MFAT or the service provider with cost, reasons for non-fulfilment, original duration and any subsequent outcomes*

The Ministry has not sought or received any advice in relation to Alphabet or Google, regarding digital cloud services. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you requested does not exist.

The Ministry has only used one cloud storage solution service to date.

Name: Microsoft Azure Cloud  
Amount: \$1.5M to date.  
Commencement Date: Oct 2018  
Duration: Ongoing

The Ministry has no current contracts with digital cloud services that had not been fulfilled by either the Ministry or the service provider. Therefore we refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you 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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade