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I refer to your email of 20 February 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'How many physical paper files/ hard copies have been requested internally or externally from parties from the MFAT physical file archives since 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022'

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) stores files both in our physical file archives and at Archives New Zealand. We have interpreted your request to be only for files held at our physical file archives and not those held, handled, or stored by Archives New Zealand.

Between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022, the Ministry handled requests for a total of 478 files. 443 of these were internally requested and 35 were requested externally.

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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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade