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I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 23 February 2023 to Rt Hon Chris Hipkins for:

***how the NZ government is implementing Agenda 30? What specific plans do you have in place to achieve this?***

*why is NZ the pilot country for AI? What measures are you taking to implement AI? What is the 10 year plan for bringing AI into our community and what will life look like for kiwis eg "smart cities?" And NEC collaborations?*

*what is the purpose of the 5G towers and phased array beam-forming in NZ? What is this technology being used for currently?"*

On 8 March 2023, the part of your request bolded above, was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) for response.

We have interpreted your request for information relating to 'Agenda 30' to be for information relating to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the non-binding United Nations (UN) agenda that New Zealand and all other UN member states endorsed in 2015. The 2030 Agenda outlines 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

New Zealand is contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a combination of domestic action, international leadership on global issues, and support for developing countries. Achievement requires a whole of government effort, working alongside the private sector and civil society.

Further detail about the Government's approach to implementing the SDGs is available from the following sources:

1. Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Nanaia Mahuta's speech to the Aotearoa New Zealand Sustainable Development Goals Summit 2021:  
<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/aotearoa-new-zealand-sustainable-development-goals-summit-2021>
2. Sustainable Development Goals page on MFAT's website:  
<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/peace-rights-and-security/our-work-with-the-un/sustainable-development-goals/>
3. New Zealand's first Voluntary National Review, a 2019 national progress report on our implementation of the SDGs: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/peace-rights-and-security/our->

[work-with-the-un/sustainable-development-goals/new-zealands-first-voluntary-national-review-vnr/](#)

4. The Office of the Auditor-General's independent 2021 report on the Government's preparedness to implement the Sustainable Development Goals:  
<https://oag.parliament.nz/2021/sdgs>
5. New Zealand's General Debate Statement to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum, 18 July 2022: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources/un-high-level-political-forum-2022/>

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.

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

Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade