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I refer to your email of 29 March 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

seeks to establish if the Govt Procurement system is increasingly expressing a preference for specified vendor systems/products/services in the IT cloud computing field

We are aware of tenders that say 'if cloud hosted solution is proposed, preference will be given to Azure and AWS in that order'

We request to know the number of GETS tenders, per year, covering the last 4 years, in all and any aspects of cloud computing, that specified a preference for Microsoft and/or Azure and/or AWS and/of Amazon and/or Google systems/products/services and any combination of these

*Pls also ensure this covers both GETS in its publically accessible online format and its* '*private' one'* 

The aim is to map any increase. We request you apply the search or other tool that you believe is best suited to most comprehensively gathering this information.

If any of the above has previously been publicly released, pls provide links to that forthwith. If any of the above has previously been released under the OIA, pls release it now to as per the OIA regs and SOP.

Pls redact names of junior staff but include those of senior ones

On 11 April 2023, you refined your request to only public service departments tendered by GETS.

On 14 April 2023, your request was partially transferred by MBIE to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) for response.

MFAT can confirm that no GETS tenders, public or private, from the last four years express a preference for any specific cloud service provider.

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: <u>DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz</u>. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the

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Ombudsman of this decision by contacting <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

Sarah Corbett for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade