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Tēnā koe

I refer to your email of 16 July 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I noticed this tweet yesterday

https://twitter.com/damienoconnormp/status/1680022443300360192?s=46&t=Oe3N5I9j7tNIQsWLX_nwnQ which mentioned that NZ signed a DEPA Protocol. I was wondering if you had any more information on the Protocol or it's full text? I can't find it on MFAT's website.

The information you have requested is publically available via the following link:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/free-trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements-in-force/digital-economy-partnership-agreement-depa/depa-text-and-resources/

The Cabinet Paper approving the final text of the DEPA Protocol and authorising signature of the DEPA Protocol is due for publication soon by the Minister for Trade and Export Growth. This will be available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website via the following link:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources/

Your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

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