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Thank you for your email of 5 February 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *"Any correspondence between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade or its employees and the Irish Government, the Irish Embassy, members (Teachta Dála) of the Irish Parliament (Dáil Éireann), representatives of the Irish Government, or officials working for the Irish Government, referencing methane, no additional warming, Global Warming Potential or GWP*. Including but not limited to emails, letters, notes, voice notes, text messages and messages sent over WhatsApp, Signal or other messaging services.*
2. *Any documents mentioning methane, no additional warming, Global Warming Potential or GWP* and referring to Ireland, the Irish Government, the Irish Embassy, members (Teachta Dála) of the Irish Parliament (Dáil Éireann), representatives of the Irish Government, or officials working for the Irish Government, including but not limited to documents, advice, agendas, minutes, or meeting notes.*
3. *Any correspondence between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade or its employees and The Teagasc Authority or Teagasc, including but not limited to emails, letters, notes, voice notes, text messages and messages sent over WhatsApp, Signal or other messaging services.*
4. *Any documents referencing The Teagasc Authority or Teagasc, including but not limited to documents, advice, agendas, minutes, or meeting notes.*
5. *Any correspondence with representatives of other foreign governments mentioning methane, no additional warming, Global Warming Potential or GWP*. Including but not limited to emails, letters, notes, voice notes, text messages and messages sent over WhatsApp, Signal or other messaging services.*

On 24 February 2025 you agreed to refine the scope of your request to be for:

"For the date period of 1 November 2023 - 5 February 2024:

1. *All correspondence - including but not limited to emails, letters, notes, voice notes, text messages and messages sent over WhatsApp, Signal or other messaging services - between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Irish Government, Irish Parliament, or representatives of the Irish Government or Parliament, referencing biogenic methane, no additional warming, Global Warming Potential or GWP*.*
2. *Any documents held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade including briefings, meeting notes, or agendas, referencing biogenic methane, no additional warming, Global Warming Potential or GWP* AND mentioning Ireland, the Irish Government, or representatives of the Irish Government.*
3. *Any correspondence between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and The Teagasc Authority or Teagasc - including but not limited to emails, letters, notes, voice notes, text messages and messages sent over WhatsApp, Signal or other messaging services.*
4. *Briefings received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade relating to The Teagasc Authority or Teagasc."*

Parts one, two and four of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist. In relation to correspondence with Teagasc, we understand that Teagasc visited New Zealand in 2024, however the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) was not involved in the planning of this visit.

In scope of part three of your request is email correspondence between the New Zealand Embassy to Ireland and Teagasc. Some information is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government; and
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

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Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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From: Frank OMara ^{s6(a)}
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 12:26 AM
To: HYNES, Ceire (DUB) <Ceire.Hynes@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Invitation: A Conversation with the Crusaders

Many thanks for this great invitation. Unfortunately I will be in NZ that day!

Good luck with the event.

Regards

Frank

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From: HYNES, Ceire (DUB) <Ceire.Hynes@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: 12 January 2024 16:07
Subject: Invitation: A Conversation with the Crusaders

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[UNCLASSIFIED]

We're excited to invite you to a rugby event, 'Conversation with the Crusaders', on February 1st in Penrose Dock, Cork.

Please RSVP by clicking the link below.

We hope you can make it!

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Grant Thornton are delighted to invite you to a

Conversation with the Crusaders

Date: Thursday, 1 February 2024

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Location: SkyRoom, Penrose Two, Penrose Dock

Munster Rugby and the Crusaders are set to create history this year with a world first 'Clash of the Champions' game on Saturday, 3rd February.

Join us for an exclusive evening with the Crusaders on Thursday, 1st February, where we will hear from a number of the Crusaders players and management about their sporting careers and the significance of this game.

As interest in this event is high, we ask that you kindly RSVP by Friday, 19th January.

We hope you can make it!

Kind regards,
Paul Jacobs & Michael Nolan

RSVP





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