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Thank you for your email of 7 August 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"1. Has the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade ever used artificial intelligence to generate images used on its website or materials?"

2. Has the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade ever used artificial intelligence to generate text used on its website or materials?"

Your request has been numbered for ease of reference.


In response to part 1 of your request, yes. When artificial intelligence is used, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Ministry) staff are involved when generating images, and staff must review the images before they are published.

In response to part 2 of your request, yes. When artificial intelligence is used, Ministry staff are involved when text is generated, and staff must review and edit the content before it's published.

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/

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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