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Thank you for your email of 2 May 2026, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*I'd like to request a copy of emails and other documents sent from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to Devonport–Takapuna Local Board staff or elected members, in relation to the Statue of Peace proposal.*

You provided the following as background for your request:

*I'm currently working on a story about the Devonport–Takapuna Local Board's decision to reject a proposal for a Statue of Peace at Barry's Point Reserve.*

### **Response to your request**

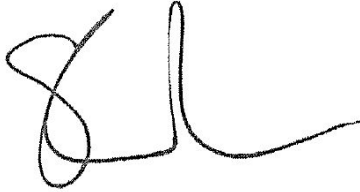
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) has not had any direct contact with the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board in relation to the Statue of Peace application. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

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/](http://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](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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade