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Thank you for your email of 4 June 2026, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

all communications with MPs Laura McClure, Duncan Webb, David Wilson, and Maureen Pugh regarding their visit to Taiwan. Please also include advice given to these people or their representatives about this matter.

Please also include all communications between MFAT and representatives of China or its embassy in relation to sanctions against these people - and all advice given to the Minister of Foreign Affairs' office on this.

On 2 July 2026, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 25 working days because responding to your request necessitated the review of a large quantity of information, and due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1)(a) and (b) of the OIA refers).

Response to your request

Please see the below table of the information in scope of your request:

#	Title	Date	Decision
1.	Email chain: [6(a)] (includes attachment)	22 April to 24 April	Out of scope; 6(a); 9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(ii)
2.	Email chain: Interparliamentary Relations Office Meeting with Chinese Embassy Regarding Taiwan Cross-Party MPs Visit	28 May 2026	Out of scope; 6(a); 9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(i); 9(2)(g)(ii)
3.	Submission: China: Response to travel ban on a group of New Zealand MPs	3 June 2026	Withheld in full 6(a); 9(2)(g)(i)

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4.	Email chain: Media query: MPs in Taiwan	3 June 2026 to 4 June 2026	Out of scope; 9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(ii)
5.	Email chain: Media query: MPs in Taiwan	3 June 2026 to 4 June 2026	6(a); 9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(i); 9(2)(g)(ii)
6.	Email chain: Inquiry on China sanctioning 4 New Zealand MPs	4 June 2026	9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(ii)
7.	Email chain: RADAR - Thursday, 4 June 2026	4 June 2026	Out of scope; 9(2)(a)
8.	Email chain: Media request for comment	4 June 2026	9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(ii)
9.	Email chain: BBC request - China ban	4 June 2026	9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(ii)
10.	Email chain: China bans MPs	4 June 2026	9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(ii)
11.	FORMAL MESSAGE: CHINA IMPOSES TRAVEL BAN ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THAT TRAVELLED TO TAIWAN - REPRESENTATIONS IN BEIJING	4 June 2026	6(a)
12.	FORMAL MESSAGE: CHINA IMPOSES TRAVEL BAN ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THAT TRAVELLED TO TAIWAN	4 June 2026	6(a); 9(2)(g)(i) (ATTACHED TO PREVIOUS FM)
13.	Text message chain: China Sanctions four Kiwi MPs who visited Taiwan in political first	4 June 2026 to 5 June 2026	Attached in Appendix one Out of scope;
14.	Email chain: China Embassy response to MPs Taiwan Visit - Submission	28 May 2026 to 3 June 2026	Out of scope; 6(a); 9(2)(a); 9(2)(g)(i); 9(2)(g)(ii)

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;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and,
- 9(2)(g)(ii): to protect officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

All other information in scope of this request is withheld under section 6(a) of the OIA, to avoid prejudicing New Zealand's international relations.

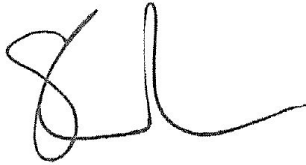
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Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Appendix one – text messages– advice to the office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade North Asia Division

Out of scope

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Thu, 4 Jun

Out of scope

Hi Michael. Just sent you notes on my discussion this morning with the Chinese Embassy.

ad(a)

Brahame in relevant meetings currently in Beijing.

5:02 PM ✓

Remarks by the Spokesperson of the Chinese Embassy in New Zealand on the Measures Including Travel Bans Impose...

nz.china-embassy.gov.cn

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5:04 PM ✓

The Chinese Embassy has just put out this statement

5:04 PM ✓

Fri, 5 Jun

Michael

ad(a)

1:13 PM ✓

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From: RAPSON, Brent (NAD)

Sent: Friday, 24 April 2026 4:41 pm

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

LANE, Pierce (NAD)

<Pierce.Lane@mfat.govt.nz>

Cc: ROBINSON, Andrew (NAD) <Andrew.Robinson@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: s6(a)

[SEC=IN CONFIDENCE]

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii)

s6(a)

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s6(a)

Thanks,
Brent.

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 23 April 2026 10:10 am

To: LANE, Pierce (NAD) <Pierce.Lane@mfat.govt.nz>; RAPSON, Brent (NAD) <brent.rapson@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: s6(a)

[SEC=IN CONFIDENCE]

Thanks Pierce.

s6(a)

s9(2)(g)(ii)

From: LANE, Pierce (NAD) <Pierce.Lane@mfat.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 23 April 2026 10:07 am

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Cc: ROBINSON, Andrew (NAD) <Andrew.Robinson@mfat.govt.nz>; LESTER, James (OCE) <James.Lester@mfat.govt.nz>; Michael Appleton <Michael.Appleton@parliament.govt.nz>; RAPSON, Brent (NAD) <brent.rapson@mfat.govt.nz>; ZOHRAB, Stuart (ESD) <Stuart.Zohrab@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: s6(a)

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IN-CONFIDENCE

Thanks s9(2)(g)(ii) see you soon.

s6(a)

s6(a)

IN-CONFIDENCE

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Wednesday, 22 April 2026 7:01 pm

To: LANE, Pierce (NAD) <Pierce.Lane@mfat.govt.nz>

Cc: ROBINSON, Andrew (NAD) <Andrew.Robinson@mfat.govt.nz>; LESTER, James (OCE) <James.Lester@mfat.govt.nz>;APPLETON, Michael (Inet) <Michael.Appleton@parliament.govt.nz>; RAPSON, Brent (NAD) <brent.rapson@mfat.govt.nz>; ZOHRAB, Stuart (ESD) <Stuart.Zohrab@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: s6(a)

[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Pierce,

Great, thank for the confirmation. s6(a)

s6(a)

Best,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a)

Private Secretary - Foreign Affairs
Office of the Rt Hon Winston Peters

From: LANE, Pierce (NAD) <Pierce.Lane@mfat.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 6:54:12 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Cc: ROBINSON, Andrew (NAD) <Andrew.Robinson@mfat.govt.nz>; LESTER, James (OCE) <James.Lester@mfat.govt.nz>; Michael Appleton <Michael.Appleton@parliament.govt.nz>; RAPSON, Brent (NAD) <brent.rapson@mfat.govt.nz>; ZOHRAB, Stuart (ESD) <Stuart.Zohrab@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: s6(a)

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Thanks s9(2)(g)(ii)

s6(a)

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Cheers,

Pierce

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 6:28 PM

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<James.Lester@mfat.govt.nz>;APPLETON, Michael (Inet)

<Michael.Appleton@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: s6(a)

Kia ora Pierce,

s6(a)

Best,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a)

Hello team

s6(a)

can take your call on ^{s9(2)(a)}

Alternatively I

Many thanks

s6(a)



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Taiwan – Information Paper

Key Facts

s6(a)

History

The island of Taiwan has a long history of human settlement. DNA evidence suggests that Taiwan was the original source of the Malay people, who occupied much of Southeast Asia, and the peoples of Polynesia, including the Māori. In the period prior to the 16th and 17th centuries, the majority of Taiwan's population was non-Han Chinese, belonging to more than a dozen indigenous tribal groups. Over the past five centuries, Taiwan has experienced several waves of Han Chinese settlement.

2. The indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the island tended either to retreat into the mountainous interior or become assimilated. Only 2% of Taiwan's population is now non-Han. The Dutch occupied the south-western part of the island in 1624, only to be expelled in 1661 by Ming Dynasty soldiers who had fled the mainland. The Ming forces surrendered to the Qing in 1683 and the Qing Dynasty Administration was replaced by the Japanese in 1895. After World War II, the Japanese were replaced by the Government of the Republic of China in 1945. In 1949, Taiwan became the final refuge of the forces of the defeated Chinese Nationalist administration under the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek.

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Trade

7. Taiwan is an important trading partner for New Zealand. For the year to December 2025, Taiwan was the 8th largest export destination for New Zealand goods and services. Two-way trade was valued at NZ\$ 3.37b over the same period. See the Taiwan trade Dashboard (below) for more details.

8. New Zealand, Singapore and the US are the only developed countries that have high-quality, comprehensive trade agreements with Taiwan. The Agreement between New Zealand and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu on Economic Cooperation (ANZTEC) entered into force on 1 December 2013 and has led to the removal of tariffs on all of New Zealand's current exports to Taiwan.

9. ANZTEC delivers preferential tariff access that gives New Zealand exporters a key competitive advantage in an affluent market of 24 million consumers. It also includes innovative provisions on film and television, and indigenous cooperation that are building on the existing creative, cultural and people-to-people links.

Tourism

10. Flight connections between Taiwan and New Zealand are serviced directly by Air New Zealand and (through Australia) by China Airlines. Taiwanese travel to New Zealand has now recovered to 93% of pre-pandemic levels, with approximately 56,500 Taiwanese travellers to New Zealand in 2025. Taiwan remains an emerging market for the New Zealand tourism industry with potential to expand further.

11. From October 2025, travellers from Taiwan have been able to access New Zealand e-Gates at the New Zealand border and Taiwan has provided reciprocal access for New Zealand travellers. Short term tourism visits are visa-free, for both sides.

Education

12. New Zealand values its education engagement with Taiwan, which includes a range of mutually beneficial areas including academic and cultural exchanges. In 2025, there were approximately 800 new enrolments of Taiwanese students in New Zealand.

Cultural engagements

13. Cultural linkages between the indigenous people of Taiwan and Māori are strong. There is an Indigenous Cooperation Chapter in ANZTEC that aims to enhance the cultural and people-to-people links between the indigenous groups. New Zealand and Taiwan are both members of the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement (IPETCA).

Taiwan Trade Dashboard

Taiwan economy

GDP per capita	US\$ 39,500 in 2025
Real GDP growth	5.3% in 2024 (actual)
Exports	USD 640.7 billion (2025)
Imports	USD 483.6 billion (2025)
Unemployment	3.34% (March 2026)

New Zealand – Taiwan trade relationship (Year ended December 2025)

	<u>Value</u>	<u>NZ's ranking</u>
Total trade	NZ\$ 3.37b	13 th
New Zealand exports to Taiwan	NZ\$ 2.29b	8 th
New Zealand imports from Taiwan	NZ\$ 1.08b	20 th
Total goods trade	NZ\$ 2.88b	13 th
New Zealand goods exports to Taiwan	NZ\$ 1.9b	7 th
New Zealand goods imports from Taiwan	NZ\$ 977.6m	16 th
Total services trade	NZ\$ 492m	20 th
New Zealand services exports to Taiwan	NZ\$ 390.3m	11 th
New Zealand services imports from Taiwan	NZ\$ 101.8m	26 th

New Zealand's main exports (Year ending December 2025): Dairy (NZ\$743m), Fruit & Nuts (NZ\$438m), Meat & Edible Meat Offal (NZ\$318m), Wood (NZ\$75m) and Travel (NZ\$60m).

New Zealand's main imports (Year ending December 2025): Electrical Machinery & Equipment (NZ\$202m), Mechanical Machinery (NZ\$125m), Plastics (NZ\$101m), Vehicles (NZ\$81m) and Iron and Steel Articles (NZ\$79m).

Source: https://statisticsnz.shinyapps.io/trade_dashboard

Foreign Direct Investment

FDI (by June 2025)	Value	YOY%
Taiwan FDI stock in New Zealand	US\$28.905m	6.99%
New Zealand FDI stock in Taiwan	US\$112.229m	0.07%

For investment from New Zealand to Taiwan, the 3 biggest sectors from 2013-2024 were: wholesale and retail trade; professional, scientific and technical services; and computers, electronic and optical products manufacturing. For investment from Taiwan to New Zealand, in the same period there was only manufacturing investment, sub-sectors were: electronic parts and components manufacturing; computers, electronic and optical products manufacturing; and food manufacturing.

Source: Taiwan's [Department of Investment](#)

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 28 May 2026 5:37 pm

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Subject: RE: Interparliamentary Relations Office Meeting with Chinese Embassy Regarding Taiwan Cross-Party MPs Visit [SEC=RESTRICTED]

Kia ora Jonty,

Confirming receipt. Thank you for the update.

Look forward to receiving those reactive media lines tomorrow.

Best,
s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a)

From: GRANT, Jonty (NAD) <Jonty.Grant@mfat.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 28 May 2026 5:31 pm

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

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Subject: Interparliamentary Relations Office Meeting with Chinese Embassy Regarding Taiwan Cross-Party MPs Visit [SEC=RESTRICTED]

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Kia ora koutou,

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s9(2)(g)(i)

We will be in touch on both these points tomorrow.

Best regards,
Jonty

Jonty Grant

Policy Officer – China & Mongolia

North Asia Division

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade | Manatū Aorere

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Subject: RE: Media query: MPs in Taiwan [SEC=RESTRICTED]

[RESTRICTED]

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Thanks Michael. Pierce is in with the Pol Counsellor now for a pre-scheduled meeting, and will give them a heads up that we will be approaching them in both capitals for further conversations, so the Min's statement at 12.30 saying as much won't come as a surprise. Once you've discussed the advice with MFA re specifics of those meetings, we will put in the request to Embassy here for a senior meeting and action equivalent at the BEI end.

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From: Michael Appleton <Michael.Appleton@parliament.govt.nz>
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Subject: RE: Media query: MPs in Taiwan [SEC=RESTRICTED]

Hi everyone,

MFA has agreed that the following statement be issued from a spokesperson:

New Zealand has maintained its One China policy for over half a century.

New Zealand MPs have visited Taiwan for decades and such visits are not inconsistent with New Zealand's One China policy.

In the context of that long history, the Minister was surprised to learn that China has taken a decision to, for the first time, impose travel bans on New Zealand MPs as a result of travel to Taiwan.

He has instructed MFAT officials in Beijing and Wellington to discuss this matter with the Chinese system, in order to express concern at this departure from past practice and to better understand it.

New Zealand Members of Parliament are free to make their own individual decisions, independent of the Government, about how they respond to invitations to travel overseas.

We will issue this at 12.30pm.

NAD: as discussed, please engage with the Chinese system ahead of that so that they hear of these concerns directly not through the media.

MEDIA: Happy for you, in the meantime, to continue issuing yesterday's statement.

Best

Michael



Michael Appleton

Senior Foreign Affairs Adviser | Office of Rt Hon Winston Peters
Minister of Foreign Affairs | Minister for Racing | Minister for Rail

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Subject: RE: Media query: MPs in Taiwan [SEC=RESTRICTED]
Date: Thursday, 4 June 2026 10:17:24 am

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Kia ora again –

s9(2)(g)(i)

s9(2)(g)(i)

Thanks,

Alison

Senior Media Adviser (she/her)

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Kia ora Andrew,

Thanks – and yes, agree on not amending the statement based on questions.

Michael, can you please confirm comfort with MFAT continuing to respond to media queries with the agreed statement?

Best,

Alison

Senior Media Adviser (she/her)

Communications Division | Rongotukuwhiti

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade | Manatū Aorere

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Subject: RE: Media query: MPs in Taiwan [SEC=RESTRICTED]

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Mōrena Michael, Andrew,

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Subject: Re: Media query: MPs in Taiwan [SEC=RESTRICTED]

Thanks Andrew. s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)

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Michael Appleton

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Subject: RE: Media query: MPs in Taiwan [SEC=RESTRICTED]

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Hi Michael,

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Cheers,
Andrew

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Subject: RE: Media query: MPs in Taiwan [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Kia ora Michael,

Will respond to Thomas Coughlan shortly.

Alison

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Subject: Media query: MPs in Taiwan

Hi MEDIA,

Please see media query from Thomas Coughlan of NZ Herald below. We have let him know that, rather than MFA, MFAT will provide him a statement for his story.

Please issue to him, as proposed in the attached submission, the following statement:

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There is a long-standing practice of New Zealand Members of Parliament visiting Taiwan, and such visits are not inconsistent with New Zealand's One China policy. In the New Zealand constitutional system, Members of Parliament do not represent the government. They are independent and responsible to their constituents. It is up to MPs to make individual decisions about how they respond to invitations to travel in their capacity as MPs.

Best wishes,

Michael



Michael Appleton

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Sent: Wednesday, 3 June 2026 3:47 PM

To: Michael Appleton <Michael.Appleton@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: MPs and China

Thomas's query below, and the most recent TPs (from Saturday) attached.

s9(2)(g)(ii)

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 3 June 2026 3:34 PM

To:

Subject: MPs and China

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii)

I've got a very late request I'm sorry.

I've just heard four MPs who recently visited Taiwan have been barred by the Chinese govt. from visiting mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau for a year - the first time such a sanction has been made.

I've only just found out about it myself and I want to put it in the paper tomorrow morning. I was wondering whether MFA had any view he wished to share about the travel ban?

I know it's probably unlikely, but if you wanted to send a statement on it, I could include it if it comes by 6.30?

Best,

THOMAS COUGHLAN
Political Editor

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To: s9(2)(g)(ii) ...APPLETON, Michael (Inet)
Cc: MEDIA
Subject: FW: Inquiry on China sanctioning 4 New Zealand MPs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, 4 June 2026 4:12:26 pm

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Kia ora ^{s9(2)}_{(g)(ii)} ,

Another request for comment re NZ MP travel ban from Kyodo News (Aus).

Thanks!

Alison

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Sent: Thursday, 4 June 2026 3:55 pm
To: MEDIA <media@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: Inquiry on China sanctioning 4 New Zealand MPs

Dear media team at MFAT,

Hi. This is Masako Ozaki from KYODO NEWS, a Japanese news agency.

Would you be able to share with us some comments by either Minister Peters or by MFAT spokesperson on the Chinese sanctions against the 4 MPs that travelled to Taiwan? And is there any way you could clarify if the minister wants to protest the matter to the Chinese, or are you still at a stage where you are looking to figure out why this might have happened?

Thank you in advance.

Warm regards,
 Masako

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KYODO NEWS
 Sydney Bureau

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Thursday, 4 June 2026

Media

MPs travel to Taiwan

AFP (Ben Strang), NZ Herald (Thomas Coughlan), Stuff (Sam Smith), Bloomberg (Ainsley Thomson), Reuters (Lucy Craymer), ABC (Stephen Dziedzic), BBC (Ewe Koh), New York Times (Laura Chung) and AFP (Allison Jackson) asked about four NZ MPs who recently visited Taiwan and have been subsequently barred from travelling to China, Hong Kong and Macau for a year. We responded:

New Zealand has maintained its One China policy for over half a century.

New Zealand MPs have visited Taiwan for decades and such visits are not inconsistent with New Zealand’s One China policy.

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To: s9(2)(g)(ii) ...APPLETON, Michael (Inet); MEDIA
Subject: Fw: Media request for comment [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, 4 June 2026 2:21:24 pm

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Kia ora ^{s9(2)}_{(g)(ii)}

Request for comment from TaiwanPlus News re the MP travel ban.

Ngā mihi

Alison

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Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2026 2:13 PM
To: MEDIA <media@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: Media request for comment

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Hi,

Hope this email finds you well. I cover Geopolitics at TaiwanPlus News and was

reaching out for comment after the news broke that China sanctioned four New Zealand MPs. Is there any statement MFAT can provide on the situation?

Thank you!

Best,
Lery

Lery Hiciano | 伊藍銳

Reporter | News Department

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Cc: MEDIA
Subject: FW: BBC request - China ban [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, 4 June 2026 12:59:03 pm

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As discussed, BBC requesting comment on Taiwan travel ban.

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From: Ewe Koh s9(2)(a) @bbc.co.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 4 June 2026 12:47 pm
To: MEDIA <media@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: BBC request - China ban

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Hi there,

I'm a reporter at the BBC, working on a story about China reportedly banning four New Zealand MPs after their visit to Taiwan. Can we confirm if this reported ban is true?

And does the MFAT have any comments to share regarding such MP visits to Taiwan?

We're hoping to publish the piece as soon as possible, and would greatly appreciate if we can hear from you soon. Thank you.

Best,

Koh Ewe (Koyu)
 Journalist
 BBC News, Singapore

From: [MEDIA](#)
To: s9(2)(g)(ii) [...APPLETON, Michael \(Inet\)](#)
Cc: [MEDIA](#)
Subject: FW: China bans MPs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, 4 June 2026 11:51:49 am
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If you haven't already, add Ben Strang to your list for the statement. Cheers

Alison

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Sent: Thursday, 4 June 2026 11:51 am
To: Ben STRANG <Ben.STRANG@afp.com>; MEDIA <media@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: China bans MPs [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Kia ora Ben,

Thank you for your email. You can attribute the below to a Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade spokesperson:

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Ngā mihi

Alison

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Sent: Thursday, 4 June 2026 11:41 am

To: MEDIA <media@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: China bans MPs

Hi folks,

Are you able to confirm this story on four MPs being banned from visiting China over a Taiwan visit?

And would MFAT have any statement it could share?

Cheers,

Ben

Ben Strang | New Zealand and Pacific Islands Correspondent

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Subject: RE: FORMAL MESSAGE: CHINA IMPOSES TRAVEL BAN ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THAT TRAVELLED TO TAIWAN - REPRESENTATIONS IN BEIJING [SEC=RESTRICTED]

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Summary – Rāpopoto

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Action – Hohenga

For information.

Report – Pūrongo

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Media pickup in China

10. In response to an Associated Press question at the Chinese Foreign Ministry's daily press conference, the Spokesperson said:

Recently, some New Zealand MPs, disregarding China's serious concerns and firm opposition, insisted on visiting Taiwan, violating the one-China principle and interfering in China's internal affairs. In accordance with relevant laws of the People's Republic of China, China has decided to take measures such as banning the relevant personnel from entering the country.

The one-China principle is a universal consensus of the international community and a basic norm of international relations, as well as the political foundation of China-New Zealand relations. We urge the relevant personnel to earnestly respect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, strictly adhere to the one-China principle, and that crossing the line on the Taiwan question will inevitably come at a price.

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Comment - Tākupu

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Subject: FORMAL MESSAGE: CHINA IMPOSES TRAVEL BAN ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THAT TRAVELLED TO TAIWAN [SEC=RESTRICTED]

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RĀPOPOTO - SUMMARY

China has imposed a one-year travel ban on four Members of Parliament that travelled independently to Taiwan,^{s6(a)}

Following media reporting and public comment by one of the affected MPs, and in response to the travel ban, the Minister of Foreign Affairs issued a statement on 4 June affirming that visits by New Zealand MPs to Taiwan are a long-standing practice and are not inconsistent with New Zealand's One China policy. The statement expressed surprise that China had taken the decision to impose (for the first time) travel bans on New Zealand MPs as a result of travel to Taiwan. The statement clarifies that Members of Parliament are free to make their own individual decisions, independent of the Government, about how they respond to invitations to travel overseas.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs instructed MFAT officials in Beijing and Wellington to discuss this matter with the Chinese system, in order to express concern at this departure from past practice and to better understand it.^{s6(a)}

HOHENGGA - ACTION

For information.^{s6(a)}

PŪRONGO - REPORT

From 4 – 8 May 2026, a group of four Members of Parliament (Maureen Pugh, National; Duncan

Webb, Labour; David Wilson, New Zealand First; and Laura McClure, ACT) travelled to Taiwan
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10. s6(a)

11. On 4 June, MFA issued the following statement in response to media enquiries:

- New Zealand has maintained its One China policy for over half a century.
- New Zealand MPs have visited Taiwan for decades and such visits are not inconsistent with New Zealand's One China policy.
- In the context of that long history, the Minister was surprised to learn that China has taken a decision to, for the first time, impose travel bans on New Zealand MPs as a result of travel to Taiwan.
- He has instructed MFAT officials in Beijing and Wellington to discuss this matter with the Chinese system, in order to express concern at this departure from past practice and to better understand it.
- New Zealand Members of Parliament are free to make their own individual decisions, independent of the Government, about how they respond to invitations to travel overseas.

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13. In Canberra, Foreign Minister spoke at a Senate Estimates hearing noting that Australia's supported New Zealand's public statements and was concerned about China actions. She committed that Australia would make representations in Beijing and Canberra. ^{s6(a)}

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Thanks, received. ^{s9(2)(g)(i)}

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Hi Michael and ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}

Please find attached the (signed) PDF and word copies of the ^{s6(a)} submission, for the Minister's consideration.

I will send the hard copy to you, in the bag, shortly.

Please let me know any questions.

Thanks,
Brent.

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From: ROBINSON, Andrew (NAD) Andrew.Robinson@mfat.govt.nz

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Hi Michael and ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}

Further to Friday, below are MFAT's reflections on the travel ban for use by OMFA ^{s6(a)}

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Thanks,
Andrew

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From: ROBINSON, Andrew (NAD)

Sent: Friday, 29 May 2026 9:26 pm

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Hi Michael,

As discussed - s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)

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Thanks,
Andrew

From: GRANT, Jonty (NAD) <Jonty.Grant@mfat.govt.nz>

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Kia ora koutou,

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We will be in touch on both these points tomorrow.

Best regards,
Jonty

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