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I refer to your email of 13 May 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I saw that this submission on the Amendment Act to the Western Samoa Citizenship Act from Nigel Allardyce refers to MFAT information related to the implementation of the Government actions in 1982 and other related aspects. Please see here:

https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCGOA_EVI_de208dbc-b2e1-4145-1873-08db93c62d99_GOA1328/992833d635b08ecf962e460017efe6752b15d0a1

Could I please be provided with the material he received?

In paragraph three of Nigel Allardyce's submission to the Governance and Administration Select Committee on the Restoring Citizenship Removed by Citizenship (Western Samoa) Act 1982 Bill, Nigel Allardyce stated that his submission was based on information in the public domain, and information that was provided through the OIA.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) is only able to respond in relation to information requested or provided to Nigel Allardyce through the Ministry's OIA process.

The information in scope of your request is publicly available on the Ministry website through the following links:

- <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2024/OIA-27443-Western-Samoa-30-July-2021.pdf>
- <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2024/OIA-27154-Western-Samoa-29-April-2021-Part-1-of-2.pdf>
- <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2024/OIA-27154-Western-Samoa-29-April-2021-Part-2-of-2.pdf>

In addition some information was released through the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), This is publicly available on the DIA website at: [https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/OIA-Releases-2022/\\$file/2122-0785.pdf](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/OIA-Releases-2022/$file/2122-0785.pdf).

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

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