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Thank you for your email of 19 August 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

This is a request for official information under the under the Official Information Act 1982 in relation to the 2024 Matariki celebrations at High Commission in Australia.


- *We request the following information:*
- *The guest list of all who attended/were invited*
- *Any photos or videos from the event. If these are likely to be refused on privacy grounds, please then blur or redact faces as necessary to ensure a timely release.*
- *The total costs of the celebrations.*
- *A breakdown of costs, including but not limited to:*
 - *Venue hire*
 - *Valet parking*
 - *Taxis/Other transport*
 - *Food*
 - *Drinks (Non-alcoholic)*
 - *Drinks (Alcoholic)*
 - *Security*
 - *All flights and accommodation covered for people attending.*
 - *Other costs*
- *A copy of all receipts for the above costs*

No Matariki celebration was held at the High Commission in Australia this year. 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/

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 Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade