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Thank you for your email of 26 August 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

All correspondence the ministry has had with the Russian Ambassador to New Zealand since November 2023.

If specific correspondence cannot be released, can you please provide a dated list of any correspondence and in what form the correspondence took?

We have interpreted your request to be for formal written correspondence between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) and the Russian Ambassador to New Zealand.

The Ministry has not received any formal written correspondence from the Russian Ambassador to New Zealand. Nor has the Ministry sent any formal written correspondence to the Russian Ambassador to New Zealand. Therefore your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you requested 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



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for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade