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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"I am seeking information which specifically refers to the "The Hague Service Convention" or the high court decision: Huang v Huang [2021] NZHC 2902*

*I am looking for emails, meeting agendas and minutes, memorandums and any other documents which might reference this convention or case."*

On 28 September 2024, you agreed to refine your request to be for:

*"Formal briefings prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs primarily relating to "The Hague Service Convention" or the high court decision: Huang v Huang [2021] NZHC 2902".*

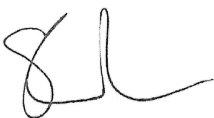
Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

I understand you have made a separate request to the Ministry of Justice for information. As the Ministry of Justice is the lead agency on this topic, you are referred to their response for relevant information.

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



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