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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA):

Whether the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade rents or sublets accommodation to any employees, or provides accommodation to any employees as an entitlement through their employment contract. This includes accommodation that is owned or leased by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and refers to long-term as well as short-term accommodation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) does not rent or sublet accommodation to any employees or provide accommodation to any employee as an entitlement through their employment contract.

As a policy-based provision, the Ministry does provide staff and their families seconded offshore with accommodation for the duration of the posting assignment. Seconded staff contribute to the cost of their accommodation at a rate calculated on Wellington market rental rates for accommodation of the same or similar standard and size, based on family configuration.

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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Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade