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Dear Terence Wood

Thank you for your email of 2 June seeking, under the Official Information Act, information regarding the proposed appointment of Shane Jones as an Ambassador for Pacific Economic Development.

Appointment to the position was made under the provisions of the Foreign Affairs Act 1988. The position was funded from Vote: Foreign Affairs.

Documents relevant to your request are attached. Due to the volume of requests received, a consolidated release of documents has been made to each request. In some cases this exceeds the original scope of requests made.

Some documents and portions of the documents released have been withheld, and the relevant sections of the Act under which the information has been withheld have been noted in the margins of the documents.

The grounds for withholding the information contained in these documents are 6(a) that the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand, and 9 (2) (g) (i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty, and 9 (2) (j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review the withholding of this information

Yours sincerely

Nick Markwell  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade