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I refer to your request received on 23 March 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

- 1. All correspondence to and from your entity relating to the importation of the two Tyrannosaurus Rex, known as "Barbara" and "Peter"*
- 2. Copies of any applications/ forms or other documentation required to import the Tyrannosaurus Rex*
- 3. Regulations/ rules required to be met for importing the Tyrannosaurus Rex.*
- 4. Any other information relating in any way to the importing of Tyrannosaurus Rex.*

For questions 1, 2 and 4, Manatū Taonga hold no correspondence, documents, or information regarding the two Tyrannosaurus Rex, known as "Barbara" and "Peter". Therefore, I am refusing these parts of your request under Section 18(e) as the information does not exist.

In response to question 3, the Protected Objects Act 1975 (the POA) does not specifically regulate the importing of Tyrannosaurus Rex into New Zealand.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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