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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0289

Dear Scott

### Official Information Act request relating to briefings on Ministerial Policy Statements

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 17 September 2021. You requested:

*“ONE: “Review of the Ministerial Policy Statements under the Intelligence and Security Act 2017” [1920NSP/010]  
TWO: “Review of the Overseas Cooperation Ministerial Policy Statement: Proposed Consultation Plan” [1920NSP/031]  
THREE: “Proposed Revised Approach for Reviewing the Ministerial Policy Statements” [1920NSP/081]  
FOUR: “Consultation on Ministerial Policy Statement: Conducting surveillance in a public place” [1920NSP/054]  
FIVE: “Review of the Ministerial Policy Statements - revised timing” [2021NSP/010]  
SIX: “Consultation on ministerial policy statement: cooperating with overseas public authorities” [2021NSP/030]  
SEVEN: Any other briefings on the topic of Ministerial Policy Statements, dated since the beginning of 2021.”*

In relation to question seven, I note that two additional briefings have been identified in relation to this part of your request, these are:

- Ministerial Policy Statement: Cooperating with overseas public authorities - approval to reissue, 12 March 2021 [2021NSP/066]
- Consultation on three Ministerial Policy Statements, 8 April 2021 [2021NSP/086]

The information you have requested is all related to the ongoing review of Ministerial Policy Statements and is still subject to active consideration as a decision is yet to be made on this matter. As such, I am withholding these documents under section 9(2)(f)(iv), to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered to ministers. Once a decision is made, the Ministerial Policy Statements will be made publicly available. One such Statement can be found on the NZIC website at the following address ([www.nzic.govt.nz/assets/assets/MPS-Sep20/MPS-Cooperation-with-overseas-public-authorities-2.pdf](http://www.nzic.govt.nz/assets/assets/MPS-Sep20/MPS-Cooperation-with-overseas-public-authorities-2.pdf)).

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

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