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Dear Sebastian

Official Information Act request for a list of National Security Group briefings and Cabinet papers since January 2021

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 17 January 2022. You requested:

“On 27 January 2021 DPMC received an OIA request (REF OIA-2020/21-0332) for a list of items produced by the National Security Group for ministers, and Cabinet papers drafted by this group, for the period September 2017 up to the date of the request.

DPMC’s response was published on the DPMC website last August: <https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2021-08/dpmc-roiar-oia-2020-21-0332-documents-prepared-pm-ministers-since-sept2017.pdf>

I would like to like to make a request for the same information that was supplied for this request, but for the period since 27 January 2021.”

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because it necessitated a search through a large quantity of information, and consultation was needed before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

Please find enclosed a list of reports, briefings, and other similar items prepared by the National Security Systems Directorate (NSSD), and the National Security Policy Directorate (NSPD).

I can advise that more time is required to consolidate the list of reports, briefings, and other similar items prepared by the National Cyber Policy Office, and the National Assessment Bureau, which will be provided to you in the next month.

In considering the scope of your request, I have taken cover briefings regarding draft responses to requests made to Ministers under the Act, and other items relating to Ministerial correspondence, to be out of the scope of your request. On occasion, items are jointly prepared by DPMC and at least one other agency. This list includes items where DPMC led on preparing the advice; it does not include items where DPMC contributed less significantly on other agencies’ material. Although efforts have been made to capture all documents in scope of your request, due to the volume, it is possible an occasional item may have been overlooked.

Some information has been withheld, either in part or in full, under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- Section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals;
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials;
- Section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion; and
- Section 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

Item	Date	Document Title	Type
1.	27 Jan 2021	Briefing: Intelligence and Security Act Amendments: Bids for a place on the 2021 Legislation Programme	Briefing
2.	29 Jan 2021	Briefing: Hosting of Virtual Five Country Ministerial and Quintet of Attorneys-General in 2021	Briefing
3.	01 Feb 2021	Briefing: Royal Commission of Inquiry - Process for Report to Cabinet February 2021	Briefing
4.	05 Feb 2021	Briefing: Early Priorities for National Security and Intelligence Portfolio Meetings	Briefing
5.	09 Feb 2021	Briefing: Final Decision on Nominees for the Intelligence and Security Committee	Briefing
6.	15 Feb 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Briefing
7.	16 Feb 2021	Aide Memoire: Meeting with Brendan Horsley, Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	Aide-Memoire
8.	17 Feb 2021	Briefing: Intelligence and Security Committee Meeting on 24 February 2021	Briefing
9.	03 Mar 2021	[withheld under sections 6(a) and 9(2)(h)]	Briefing
10.	05 Mar 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet Discussion - Royal Commission Report Back	Aide-Memoire
11.	08 Mar 2021	Government Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attack on Christchurch Masjidain: First Report Back	Cabinet Paper
12.	10 Mar 2021	Briefing: Implementation Oversight Advisory Group and Community Capability Fund - Immediate Decisions Required	Briefing
13.	12 Mar 2021	Briefing: Ministerial Policy Statement: Cooperating with overseas public authorities - approval to reissue	Briefing
14.	15 Mar 2021	Aide Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 16 March 2021	Aide-Memoire
15.	16 Mar 2021	Briefing: First Annual Hui on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism	Briefing
16.	17 Mar 2021	Briefing: Renewal of Maute Group and expiration of Jamaah Anshrouh Daulah as Terrorist Entities	Briefing
17.	18 Mar 2021	Briefing: Implementation Oversight Advisory Group - Chair and Selection Panel	Briefing
18.	19 Mar 2021	Aide-Memoire: Intelligence and Security Committee Meeting - Wednesday 24 March 2021	Aide-Memoire
19.	19 Mar 2021	Briefing: Renewal of Jamaah Anshrouh Daulah as a Terrorist Entity	Briefing
20.	24 Mar 2021	Briefing: Bilateral calls with UK Home Secretary and Canada's Five Country Ministerial (FCM) Ministers	Briefing
21.	30 Mar 2021	Briefing for the Virtual Five Country Ministerial (FCM) Meeting, 8 April 2021	Briefing
22.	31 Mar 2021	Briefing: Addressing the Intelligence and Security Act	Briefing

		recommendations and issues raised in the RCOI report	
23.	08 Apr 2021	Briefing: Consultation on three Ministerial Policy Statements	Briefing
24.	13 Apr 2021	Government Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attack on Christchurch Masjidain: Addressing the Issues Raised with the Intelligence and Security Act 2017	Cabinet Paper
25.	12 Apr 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee meeting 13 April 2021	Aide-Memoire
26.	20 Apr 2021	Briefing: Renewal of ISIL Sinai as a Terrorist Entity	Briefing
27.	28 Apr 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Security Group	Report
28.	03 May 2021	Briefing: Royal Commission of Inquiry Response: Potential pathways to strengthen the Intelligence and Security Committee	Briefing
29.	07 May 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee meeting 11 May 2021	Aide-Memoire
30.	12 May 2021	Briefing: Operation [withheld under section 6(a)] Update	Briefing
31.	12 May 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Security Group	Report
32.	17 May 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
33.	17 May 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet Legislation Committee Meeting 20 May 2021 - Intelligence and Security (Review) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	Aide-Memoire
34.	17 May 2021	Update on Op [withheld under section 6(a)]	ODESC Note
35.	21 May 2021	Briefing: First Reading of the Intelligence and Security (Review) Amendment Bill	Briefing
36.	21 May 2021	Briefing on the Community Engagement Checklist	Briefing
37.	26 May 2021	Op [withheld under section 6(a)] ODESC #1	ODESC Note
38.	26 May 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Security Group	Report
39.	27 May 2021	Briefing: [withheld under section 6(a)] - Process and Initial Advice for Upcoming Decision-Making	Briefing
40.	28 May 2021	Briefing: He Whenua Taurikura - Foreword for Counter-Terrorism Strategy	Briefing
41.	31 May 2021	Aide-Memoire: Initiating the review of the Intelligence and Security Act 2017	Aide-Memoire
42.	01 Jun 2021	Aide-Memoire: Talking points for Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee: Intelligence and Security Committee	Aide-Memoire
43.	02 Jun 2021	Aide-Memoire: Draft Cabinet paper – [withheld under section 6(a)] Next Steps	Aide-Memoire
44.	04 Jun 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 8 June 2021	Aide-Memoire
45.	04 Jun 2021	Briefing on the Community Engagement Checklist	Briefing
46.	08 Jun 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)] Next Steps	Cabinet Paper
47.	09 Jun 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Security Group	Report
48.	11 Jun 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Aide Memoire
49.	11 Jun 2021	Briefing: He Whenua Taurikura - New Zealand's First Annual Hui on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism	Briefing
50.	18 Jun 2021	Aide-Memoire: Draft Cabinet paper: Intelligence and Security Committee	Aide-Memoire
51.	23 Jun 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Security Group	Report
52.	24 Jun 2021	Aide-Memoire: Talking points for Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee: [withheld under section 6(a)]	Aide-Memoire

53.	25 Jun 2021	[withheld under sections 6(a) and 9(2)(h)]	Briefing
54.	25 Jun 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 29 June 2021	Aide-Memoire
55.	28 Jun 2021	Aide-Memoire: Intelligence and Security Committee Meeting - Wednesday 30 June 2021	Aide-Memoire
56.	28 Jun 2021	Briefing: New statement of Government Policy and Directions on the radio licensing regime	Briefing
57.	28 Jun 2021	Aide-memoire: Meeting with [withheld under section 9(2)(a) – 1 July 2021	Aide-Memoire
58.	01 Jul 2021	Aide-memoire: Meeting with Minister Davis – 6 July 2021	Aide-Memoire
59.	02 Jul 2021	Briefing: Consultation on Ministerial Policy Statement: Information Assurance and Cybersecurity Activities	Briefing
60.	02 Jul 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet Legislation Committee Meeting 8 July 2021 - Security Information in Proceedings Bill: Approval for Introduction	Aide-Memoire
61.	05 Jul 2021	Briefing: Consultation on Ministerial Policy Statement: Information Management	Briefing
62.	05 Jul 2021	Aide-memoire: Meeting with [withheld under section 9(2)(a)] – 5 July 2021	Aide-Memoire
63.	07 Jul 2021	NSG Fortnightly Report	Report
64.	21 Jul 2021	NSG Fortnightly Report	Report
65.	22 Jul 2021	Briefing: United States Domestic Terrorism Strategy	Briefing
66.	23 Jul 2021	Briefing: Operation [withheld under section 6(a)] Update	Briefing
67.	26 Jul 2021	Aide-memoire: Meeting with Kāpuia – 28 July 2021	Aide-Memoire
68.	30 Jul 2021	Briefing: Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch masjidain - Quarterly Ministers Meeting	Briefing
69.	30 Jul 2021	Briefing: Appointment of Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Advisory Panel member	Briefing
70.	04 Aug 2021	NSG Fortnightly Report	Report
71.	04 Aug 2021	Briefing: Letter to ISC on Appointment of Benjamin Bateman as IGIS Advisory Panel Member	Briefing
72.	05 Aug 2021	[withheld under sections 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i)]	Briefing
73.	06 Aug 2021	Briefing: Appointment of a third Commissioner of Intelligence Warrants	Briefing
74.	06 Aug 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 10 August 2021	Aide-Memoire
75.	11 Aug 2021	Deputy Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security: Appointment	Cabinet Paper
76.	13 Aug 2021	Aide-Memoire: Appointment of Additional Members to Kāpuia: Talking Points to Support Consultation	Aide-Memoire
77.	16 Aug 2021	[withheld under s 6(a)]	Briefing
78.	18 Aug 2021	Briefing: Intelligence and Security Committee Meeting on 25 August 2021	Briefing
79.	18 Aug 2021	NSG Fortnightly Report	Report
80.	24 Aug 2021	Briefing: Massey University Research Report - 'Turning the Dial from Social Licence to Democratic Society'	Briefing
81.	31 Aug 2021	Briefing: Cabinet paper: Appointment of a third Commissioner of Intelligence Warrants	Briefing
82.	03 Sep 2021	Keypoints from Op [withheld under section 6(a)] ODESC #1	ODESC Note
83.	06 Sep 2021	Keypoints from Op [withheld under section 6(a)] ODESC #2	ODESC Note
84.	06 Sep 2021	Briefing: Cabinet paper: Appointment of Member of	Briefing

		Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Advisory Panel	
85.	07 Sep 2021	Aide-Memoire: Meeting with Kāpuia on 9 September 2021	Aide-Memoire
86.	13 Sep 2021	Aide-Memoire: Meeting with Kāpuia Chair	Aide-Memoire
87.	15 Sep 2021	Briefing: Advancing the Public Conversation on National Security Risk through the Long-Term Insights Briefing	Briefing
88.	16 Sep 2021	National Security System Budget Approach	Briefing
89.	22 Sep 2021	Briefing: Budget 22 Initiatives in Response to the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attack on Christchurch Mosques	Briefing
90.	23 Sep 2021	National Security System Budget Approach – Further Information	Briefing
91.	24 Sep 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 28 September 2021	Aide-Memoire
92.	24 Sep 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet Legislation Committee Meeting 30 September 2021 - Data and Statistics Bill: Approval for Introduction	Aide-Memoire
93.	24 Sep 2021	Aide-Memoire: Update on the Review of New Zealand's National Security Strategic Policy Settings	Aide-Memoire
94.	28 Sep 2021	Briefing: National Security Intelligence Priorities 2021 Review and Engagement Approaches	Briefing
95.	29 Sep 2021	Commissioner of Intelligence Warrants: Appointment	Cabinet Paper
96.	29 Sep 2021	NSI Fortnightly Report	Report
97.	30 Sep 2021	Aide-Memoire: Meeting with Kāpuia Chair on 1 October 2021	Aide-Memoire
98.	01 Oct 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Aide-Memoire
99.	04 Oct 2021	National Security System Budget Approach – Further Information	Briefing
100.	07 Oct 2021	Briefing: Safer Communities Fund - Report Back and Next Steps	Briefing
101.	11 Oct 2021	Aide-Memoire: Meeting with Kāpuia on 13 October 2021	Aide-Memoire
102.	13 Oct 2021	NSI Fortnightly Report	Report
103.	14 Oct 2021	Aide-Memoire: Draft Cabinet Paper 2021 updated National Security Intelligence Priorities for approval and overview of improvements to date	Aide-Memoire
104.	20 Oct 2021	Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Advisory Panel: Appointment	Cabinet Paper
105.	22 Oct 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 26 October 2021	Aide-Memoire
106.	27 Oct 2021	Briefing: Consultation on the final three reviewed Ministerial Policy Statements	Briefing
107.	27 Oct 2021	NSI Fortnightly Report	Report
108.	27 Oct 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
109.	27 Oct 2021	Briefing: Addressing feedback on draft Cabinet paper: 2021 Updated National Security Intelligence Priorities for approval and overview of improvements to date	Briefing
110.	29 Oct 2021	Briefing: Draft Cabinet Paper on the Government Response to the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry	Briefing
111.	29 Oct 2021	Briefing: Royal Commission of Inquiry Ethnic and Faith Community Engagement Response Fund	Briefing
112.	29 Oct 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
113.	29 Oct 2021	Briefing: Improving Reporting and Triaging/Response	Briefing

		Systems for Concerning Behaviours, Cybercrime and Online Harms	
114.	02 Nov 2021	Aide-Memoire: Meeting with Kāpuia on 4 November 2021	Aide-Memoire
115.	04 Nov 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Briefing
116.	04 Nov 2021	[withheld under sections 6(a) and 9(2)(h)]	Briefing
117.	04 Nov 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
118.	10 Nov 2021	NSI Fortnightly Report	Report
119.	12 Nov 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 16 November 2021	Aide-Memoire
120.	16 Nov 2021	Briefing: Kāpuia: Response to advice on the RCOI work programme and talking points for meeting with the Chair	Briefing
121.	16 Nov 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Cabinet Paper
122.	16 Nov 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)] Update and Next Steps	Cabinet Paper
123.	16 Nov 2021	National Security Intelligence Priorities: 2021 Review	Cabinet Paper
124.	18 Nov 2021	Briefing: Intelligence and Security Committee Meeting on 23 November 2021	Briefing
125.	21 Nov 2021	Briefing: Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet Budget 2022 Draft Initiatives	Briefing
126.	23 Nov 2021	Aide-Memoire: Talking Points for Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee 24 November 2021	Aide-Memoire
127.	24 Nov 2021	NSI Fortnightly Report	Report
128.	25 Nov 2021	[withheld under s 6(a)] Cabinet Papers: Next steps	Briefing
129.	26 Nov 2021	[withheld under s 6(a)]	Briefing
130.	26 Nov 2021	Briefing: Budget 2022: Priority Initiatives for the Response to the RCOI Report	Briefing
131.	02 Dec 2021	Briefing: Intelligence and Security Committee Meeting on 8 December 2021	Briefing
132.	02 Dec 2021	Briefing: 2021 National Security Intelligence Priorities Next Steps	Briefing
133.	03 Dec 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee Meeting 8 December 2021: Review of the Search and Surveillance Act 2021	Aide-Memoire
134.	06 Dec 2021	Briefing: Draft A3 for Cabinet Committees: [withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
135.	06 Dec 2021	Briefing: Consultation on membership of the Intelligence and Security Committee	Briefing
136.	07 Dec 2021	Briefing: Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet Final Budget 2022 Initiatives	Briefing
137.	08 Dec 2021	NSI Fortnightly Report	Report
138.	09 Dec 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Briefing
139.	09 Dec 2021	Briefing for meeting with Kāpuia Chair on 10 December 2021	Briefing
140.	10 Dec 2021	Briefing: Renewal of Terrorist Designations: Al-Shabaab, ETA, and PKK	Briefing
141.	10 Dec 2021	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 14 December 2021	Aide-Memoire
142.	13 Dec 2021	Additional Item: [withheld under section 6(a)]	Cabinet Paper
143.	16 Dec 2021	Briefing: Centre of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism	Briefing
144.	16 Dec 2021	Briefing: Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism New Appropriation (<i>Centre of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism</i>)	Briefing
145.	17 Dec 2021	Briefing: Government Appointments	Briefing
146.	22 Dec 2021	Aide Memoire: Review of National Security Strategic	Aide-Memoire

		Policy Settings: Update	
147.	[withheld under section 6(a)]	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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