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Dear Harold

Official Information Act request relating to Australia-New Zealand National Security Dialogue

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 7 February 2022. You requested:

ONE: A copy of the full document Australia-New Zealand National Security Dialogue: Briefing Pack (12 March 2021) – i.e. including the parts of this document not processed for release for the OIA request above as they were not in scope.

TWO: Copies of all other “Briefing Packs” produced for each Australia-New Zealand National Security Dialogue since the inaugural dialogue in October 2016.

As advised in our response to you on 17 January 2023, ongoing consultation required a further delay to the release of information relating to the briefing pack for the national security dialogue. Following this consultation, I am now able to respond with the final tranche of documents from the 2018 meeting.

I can advise that 10 documents were identified within scope of your request for this year. I have decided to withhold in full (including titles) nine of these documents, under section 6(a) of the Act, as the release of the information would be likely to prejudice the national security and/or the international relations of New Zealand.

I have released one document to you in part, and information that has been withheld has been removed from this release document. I have withheld this information under section 6(a) of the Act, as the release of the information would be likely to prejudice the national security and/or the international relations of New Zealand.

I again apologise for the prolonged delay in responding to your request. DPMC has now responded to all parts of your request and considers this request closed.

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

This response may 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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