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Tēnā koe Harold

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*I would like to make a follow up request for copies of the following additional reports received by the minister:*

1. [23/03/2021] "*Submission Manatua Submarine Cable – Assistance to Cook Islands*"
2. [12/04/2021] "*Submission Tokelau Submarine Cable*"
3. [3/06/2021] "*Submission New Zealand's approach to the Indo-Pacific*"
4. [13/08/2021] "*Submission Aotearoa New Zealand's approach to the 'Indo-Pacific'*"
5. [13/08/2021] "*Submission Aotearoa New Zealand's engagement with the Quad*"
6. [13/09/2021] "*Brief for Meeting Briefing for meeting with Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Facebook, 15 September*"
7. [14/10/2021] "*Submission – Joint AUKUS: Trilateral Enhanced Security Partnership - Implications for Aotearoa New Zealand*"
8. [23/11/2021] "*Submission Southern Ocean - Surveillance activities 2021-22*"
9. [24/11/2021] "*Submission Bougainville – New Zealand's approach and Bougainville Partnership*"
10. [9/02/2022] "*Brief A3: Indo-Pacific Update fortnight to 9 February 2022*"
11. [14/02/2022] "*Submission Solomon Islands - Appointment of New Zealand Head of Mission*"
12. [2/03/2022] "*Submission: 50th Anniversary of Aotearoa New Zealand-China diplomatic relations*"
13. [17/03/2022] "*Aide Memoire: Aotearoa New Zealand – Australia Refugee Resettlement Arrangement*"
14. [5/04/2022] "*Brief for Call Secretary General Henry Puna, 6 April 2022*"

15. [7/04/2022] "*Brief for Call Introductory meeting with Harinder Sidhu, Australian High Commissioner, Monday 11 April*"

16. [11/04/2022] "*Brief for Meeting H.E. Nina Obermaier, Ambassador of the European Union to New Zealand, 12 April 2022*"

17. [13/04/2022] "*Aide Memoire Supreme Court Judgement on Kyung Yup Kim Extradition*"

18. [22/04/2022] "*Submission – Joint Contingency planning for COVID-19 in the Pacific: Extension to the use of New Zealand Defence Force Capabilities*"

19. [22/04/2022] "*Submission Solomon Islands-China Security Agreement – Immediate Next Steps*"

On 17 June 2022, due to further consultation being required before a response could be provided, the timeframe for responding to your request was extended by 20 working days, to 18 July 2022. Thank you for your patience while this process was concluded.

Attached are the documents relevant to your request. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 6(b)(ii): to protect the passing of information from an international organisation on a confidential basis;
- 6(c): to avoid prejudice to the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial;
- 7(c): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the Governments of the self-governing State of the Cook Islands or the self-governing State of Niue;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments;
- 9(2)(h): to maintain legal professional privilege; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. C. Mahuta', written in a cursive style.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
**Minita Take Aorere / Minister of Foreign Affairs**