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Ref: OIA-2021/22-1204

Dear Scott

**Official Information Act request for Foreign interference briefings and Cabinet paper**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 5 April 2022. You requested:

*“ONE: The December 2017 briefing titled “Foreign Interference - Brady Report and Canberra Visit” [1718NSP/033]*

*TWO: The February 2018 briefing titled “Update on cross-agency foreign interference work” [1718NSP/046]*

*THREE: The March 2018 briefing titled “Update on policy approach to foreign interference in New Zealand” [1718NSP/048]*

*FOUR: The October 2018 Cabinet paper titled “Managing Foreign Interference Risks in New Zealand” [ERS-18-SUB-0022]*

*FIVE: The April 2019 briefing titled “Foreign interference in the media” [1819NSPD/111]*

*SIX: The two August and September 2019 briefings both titled “Provision of Classified Material to Elected Officials” [document IDs 4155797 and 4175735]*

*SEVEN: The November 2020 briefing titled “Ministers Requiring Access to Classified Material” [document ID 4321072]”*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because consultations were required before a decision could be made on your request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

I have decided to withhold all of the documents requested in full under section 6(a) of the Act, to protect the security and defence or the international relations of New Zealand.

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

This response will not be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Eaton". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Dan" written in a cursive script and the last name "Eaton" written in a more formal, slightly cursive style.

Dan Eaton  
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