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Tēnā koe Harold

I refer to your request transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 1 June 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Regarding the inter-agency Pacific Geostrategic and Security Governance Group, I would like to request the following information:*

- The group's membership list*
- A copy of the group's terms of reference*
- A copy of the group's current work programme*

On 1 July 2022, the deadline to respond to your request was extended to 15 July 2022.

The objectives of the Pacific Geostrategic and Security Governance Group are to monitor changes in the strategic environment in the Pacific, and to facilitate coordination among agencies in order to pursue the Government's broader priorities in the Pacific, including under the Pacific Reset and Pacific Resilience approach.

The following agencies are members of the Pacific Geostrategic and Security Governance Group:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
- Ministry of Defence
- New Zealand Defence Force
- New Zealand Customs Service
- New Zealand Security Intelligence Service
- Government Communications Security Bureau
- Ministry for Primary Industries
- New Zealand Police
- The Treasury

I am withholding the remainder of your request for a copy of the group's term of reference and work programme in full under section 6(a) of the OIA, to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). 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, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jule-Anne Lee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jule-Anne Lee  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade