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Tēnā koe Scott

Official Information Act request relating to list of briefings received by the prime Minister January - March 2022

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 26 May 2022. You requested:

"I would like to make a request for the following information, for the period since the beginning of this year:

- A list of all reports, briefings, memos, and/or aide memoires received by the Prime Minister relating to her National Security and Intelligence portfolio, including title, date received and agency of origin*
- A list of all papers taken to Cabinet by the Prime Minister, including title and date taken to Cabinet"*

In response to your request please find a list of relevant briefings, reports, aides memoire and memos in scope of your request for the period 1 January 2022 – 31 March 2022 (inclusive).

We can advise that more time is required to produce the list of items in scope of your request for the period 1 April 2022 – 26 May 2022 (inclusive), which will be provided to you in the next month.

The relevant portfolio for items has been marked. We have taken the scope of your request for relevant items "produced" by the Minister to be for items both tasked and drafted by her. The Prime Minister also receives information relating to National Security as part of the Prime Minister portfolio, for completeness these titles are also included.

Please note all papers listed have been provided to the Prime Minister by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Date	Type	Title	Portfolio
26 January 2022	Briefing	Confirming Membership of the Intelligence and Security Committee	Prime Minister
27 January 2022	Briefing	Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Strategic Framework	National Security and Intelligence
1 February 2022	Aide-Memoire	Russia-Ukraine Situation and National Security System Preparedness	National Security and Intelligence

Date	Type	Title	Portfolio
2 February 2022	Report	Christchurch Call Update: January 2022	Prime Minister
8 February 2022	Aide-Memoire	Potential Domestic Implications of Russia-Ukraine Conflict and Proposed Response	Prime Minister and National Security and Intelligence
9 February 2022	Aide-Memoire	Christchurch Call: Leaders' Engagement in 2022	Prime Minister
10 February 2022	Briefing	Letter from Robert Dobson, Commissioner of Intelligence Warrants	Prime Minister
11 February 2022	Aide-Memoire	Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 15 February 2022	National Security and Intelligence
16 February 2022	Fortnightly Report	NSI Fortnightly Report	National Security and Intelligence
17 February 2022	ODESC Note to PM	2022-02-17 Note to PM Parliament Protest ODESC #1 17 February 2022	Prime Minister
25 February 2022	ODESC Note to PM	2022-02-25 Note to PM Russia/Ukraine ODESC #1 25 February 2022	Prime Minister
28 February 2022	ODESC Note to PM	2022-02-28 Note to PM Russia/Ukraine ODESC #2 28 February 2022	Prime Minister
3 March 2022	Report	Fortnightly Report National Security Group	National Security and Intelligence
9 March 2022	Briefing	Policy levers for Addressing Mis/Disinformation	Prime Minister and National Security and Intelligence
9 March 2022	Briefing	Christchurch Call Update: February 2022	Prime Minister
10 March 2022	Aide-Memoire	Intelligence and Security Committee Meeting on 15 March 2022	Prime Minister
11 March 2022	Aide-Memoire	Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 15 March 2022	National Security and Intelligence
16 March 2022	Report	Fortnightly Report National Security Group	National Security and Intelligence
17 March 2022	Aide-Memoire	Security and Intelligence Board Papers to Minister of National Security and Intelligence	National Security and Intelligence
29 March 2022	Briefing	Review of National Security Strategic Policy Settings	National Security and Intelligence

Date	Type	Title	Portfolio
30 March 2022	Report	Fortnightly Report National Security Group	National Security and Intelligence

Please note some briefing titles are not in the table above as they have been withheld in full under one or more of the following sections of the Act, as applicable:

- section 6(a), as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand, and
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.

In addition, the titles and dates of documents provided to Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern by the National Assessments Bureau are withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), as outlined above, and
- section 6(b)(i), to protect the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government.

Furthermore, the Prime Minister also receives a weekly brief prepared by the National Assessments Bureau.

Additionally, the DPMC Policy Advisory Group prepared some briefings within scope of your request. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence in order to support her in her role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. The titles and dates of these briefings are withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand,
- section 9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility,
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials, and
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

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

Ngā mihi nui,



Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff