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Tēnā koe Scott

Official Information Act request relating to List of briefings received in National Security and Intelligence portfolio

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"*

Following on from my previous response providing the information requested for the period 1 January to end March 2022, we are now able to respond to the remainder of your request. Please find below a list of relevant briefings, reports, aides memoire and memos in scope of your request for the period 1 April – 26 May 2022 (inclusive).

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.

Table of titles requested

Please find below a list of the requested titles of all briefings, reports, aide memoirs and memos:

Item	Date	Document Description	Portfolio	Decision
1.	1/04/2022	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 5 April 2022	NSI	Release title

2.	1/04/2022	Aide Memoire: Meeting with ISA reviewers and special advisor	PM NSI	Release title
3.	8/04/2022	In her capacity as Prime Minister March update on Christchurch Call	PM	Release title
4.	8/04/2022	Update on the Algorithmic Workstream	PM	Release title
5.	8/04/2022	Appointment of Commissioner of Intelligence Warrants - APH 13 April 2022	PM	Release title
6.	11/04/2022	Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Strategic Framework: Update on Hui	NSI	Release title
7.	13/04/2022	Fortnightly Report National Security Group 13 April 2022	NSI	Release title
8.	13/04/2022	Acknowledgement of Resignation of Commissioner of Intelligence Warrants Warwick Gendall	PM	Release title
9.	20/04/2022	Briefing on the Declaration for the Future of the Internet	PM	Release title
10.	27/04/2022	Fortnightly Report National Security Group 27 April 2022	NSI	Release title
11.	2/05/2022	Progress for a framework on Emerging Technology in New Zealand	NSI	Release title
12.	4/05/2022	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet Government Administration and Expenditure Review Committee Meeting 5 May 2022	NSI	Release title
13.	11/05/2022	Work Programme on End-to-End Encryption	PM	Release title
14.	12/05/2022	In her capacity as Prime Minister April update on Christchurch Call	PM	Release title
15.	12/05/2022	Foreign interference targeting New Zealand communities: letter to Minister Radhakrishnan	PM NSI	Release title
16.	12/05/2022	Fortnightly Report National Security Group 12 May 2022	NSI	Release title
17.	17/05/2022	Aide-Memoire: Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee Meeting 10 May 2022	NSI	Release Title
18.	17/05/2022	National Centre of Research Excellence (Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism)	PM	Release title
19.	25/05/2022	Briefing to PM on Buffalo Shooter incident	PM	Release title

20.	25/05/2022	Fortnightly Report National Security Group 27 April 2022	NSI	Release title
21.	26/05/2022	Intelligence and Security Committee: Draft Letter to Members and Next Steps	PM	Release title
	[s6a]	Prime Minister's National Security Briefing	NSI	Release in part

Information to be withheld in full

Please note that eight briefing titles are not in the table above if it has been withheld in full under 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*,
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) to *"maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials*, and
- Section 9(2)(j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on negotiations.

There are 44 National Assessments Bureau documents covered by your request that we have decided to withhold in full under 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 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.

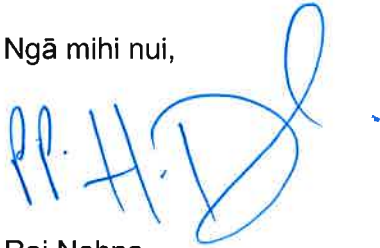
Additionally, the DPMC Policy Advisory Group prepared some briefings within scope of your request. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence in order to support her in her role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. The titles and dates of these briefings are withheld in full under the following sections of the Act, 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"*,
- Section 9(2)(f)(ii) to *"maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect collective and individual ministerial responsibility"*,
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) to *"maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials"*, and
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) as withholding the information is necessary to *"maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions"*.

In making our decision, we 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 our decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Ngā mihi nui,



Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff