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Harold

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Dear Harold,

Thank you for your email of 1 August 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I would like to make a request for copies of the following briefings received by the minister in his role as Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control:

- 1) 7/12/2020 Approval for Foreign Military Aircraft to Land in New Zealand in 2021*
- 2) 14/12/2020 First Meeting of Parties to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty*
- 3) 15/12/2020 Addendum to Briefing on First Meeting of Parties to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty*
- 4) 12/02/2021 Saudi Arabia: Export of Controlled Items*
- 5) 16/02/2021 Proposed overflight by US Air Force B-52 aircraft*
- 6) 16/02/2021 The Process for Considering Requests for Entry of Foreign Warships into New Zealand Internal Waters*
- 7) 15/03/2021 Air New Zealand: Control and Export Status of US Navy Engines*
- 8) 21/06/2021 Operation Burnham: National Detention Policy*
- 9) 21/06/2021 Briefing for call with Hon Jeremiah Manele, Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade (Solomon Islands)*
- 10) 18/10/2021 - Submission: United Nations General Assembly: First Committee on Disarmament and International Security*
- 11) 6/12/2021 - Brief for Meeting - Pacific Roundtable on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons – Updated Briefing Materials*
- 12) 08/12/2021 - Submission - Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference – Aotearoa New Zealand Approach*
- 13) 10/12/2021 - Brief for Meeting - Treaty of Rarotonga Consultative Committee – 15 December 2021, 11am-3pm*
- 14) 23/12/2021 - Aide Memoire - Nuclear legacy in the Pacific – Advancing our work*
- 15) Finally, in response to Written Parliamentary Question 43291 (2021): “What reports, briefings, memos, aides-memoire, notes or written advice, if any, has the Minister received about nuclear-armed submarines?” The minister replied “None to date, but I understand briefing is under preparation” (as at 23 September 2021). I would like to request a copy of the briefing referred to here.*

This letter is to advise that the timeframe for responding to your request is being extended by 20 working days, to 26 September 2022. This is because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time frame (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

I am also partially transferring documents 1,4,5,6,7,8 and 15 of your OIA to the Minister of Foreign Affairs because the documents are believed to be more closely connected with the functions of

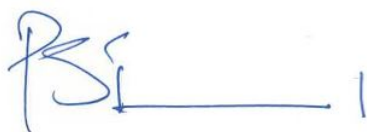
the Minister of Foreign Affairs (section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA refers). In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act to transfer your request.

You will hear further from the Minister of Foreign Affairs concerning the transferred briefings.

However, if this process is completed before 26 September 2022, the response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Twyford', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Hon Phil Twyford
Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control