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Dear Scott

Thank you for your email of 7 November 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1) [30-Apr-22] Brief for Meeting: “Briefing for introductory meeting with Harinder Sidhu, Australian High Commissioner”
- 2) [30-Apr-22] Brief: “The Trans-Tasman Relationship”
- 3) [2-May-22] Brief for Meeting: “International Facing Ministers’ Meeting - Disarmament and Peace Discussion”
- 4) [7-May-22] Brief for Meeting: “Briefing for call with Ian Biggs, Australian Ambassador for Arms Control and Counter-Proliferation, Tuesday 10 May, 4:30pm”
- 5) [28-May-22] Brief for Call: “Briefing for call with Izumi Nakamitsu, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Wednesday 1 June 2022”
- 6) [30-Jul-22] Brief for Travel: “AUKUS Naval Nuclear Propulsion and the NPT”
- 7) [2-Sep-22] Brief for Travel: “MDAC MSTEAG Visit to Canberra, 6-8 September 2022”
- 8) [24-Sep-22] Brief for Meeting: “Briefing for meeting with Peter Beck, Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Rocket Lab”
- 9) [1-Oct-22] Brief for Meeting: “Hon. Phil Twyford Meeting with Solomon Islands Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Hon. Jeremiah Manele”
- 10) [1-Oct-22] Brief for Meeting: “Visit by Solomon Islands Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade: Overview and Objectives”

On Tuesday 29 November you received the first tranche of this information which contained documents 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10.

Document 2 “The Trans-Tasman Relationship” is refused in full under:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

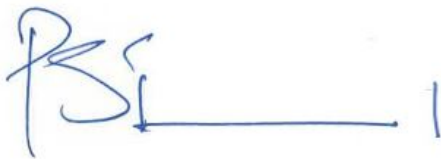
Attached is the second and final tranche of your request which contains document 1 and 7. Some portions of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 6(e)(vi): to avoid damage to the New Zealand economy by the premature disclosure of decisions relating to entering into of overseas trade agreements;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

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

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