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James

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Tēnā koe James

Thank you for your email of 27 March 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

“All communications including but not limited to, emails, texts, and phone calls with Chris Hipkins or his office and staff regarding up coming travel, plans to travel, travel strategy or travel expectations from November 2022 through to 27th March 2023.”

On 28 April 2023, you were advised of an extension to the deadline to respond to your request to 25 May 2023.

Attached are the documents relevant to your request. 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; and
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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.

Nāku noa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Mahuta'.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minita Take Aorere / Minister of Foreign Affairs