

# Rt Hon Winston Peters

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**Deputy Prime Minister**

Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Dallas Barnett

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Dear Dallas Barnett

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Please provide detailed meeting diary for 5 February 2024.*

*Which ambassadors were met with on this day, what was discussed and where were the meetings held??*

Ministers' diaries are proactively released, and the diary for 5 February 2024 is soon to be proactively released on the Beehive website at the link provided below. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is soon to be publicly available: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/rt-hon-winston-peters>,

At the Duke of Marlborough, in Russell, on 5 February 2024, I met with the non-resident representatives of Armenia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Brunei Darussalam; Croatia; Finland; Georgia; Ghana; Latvia; Laos; Mongolia; Norway; Palestine; Rwanda; Serbia; Slovenia; Sweden; Tanzania; Uruguay; Zambia; and Zimbabwe at an afternoon tea event. Also in attendance was the Dean of the resident Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of Mexico. I spoke from the podium and outlined the Government's foreign policy direction.

I had separate meetings with the Ambassador of Mongolia and the Representative of the General Delegation of Palestine, both based in Canberra, at the same venue.

The Representative of the General Delegation of Palestine and I discussed the grave humanitarian conditions in Gaza; New Zealand's call for all parties to adhere to the decisions of the International Court of Justice in respect of South Africa's case against Israel, including provisional measures relating to humanitarian access; and New Zealand's strong support for a two-state solution that enables Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace and security side-by-side.

During my meeting with the Ambassador of Mongolia, we discussed the warm and long-standing relationship between our two countries; reaffirmed our shared values and commitment to democracy, freedom and human rights; and exchanged views around further bilateral engagement. I also took the opportunity to welcome Mongolia's decision to grant New Zealanders visa-free travel to Mongolia through to 2025.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Winston Peters', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
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