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Ref: PMO 062-2017

Dear David Johnston

Official Information Act request relating to the recent meeting with Rex Tillerson

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 31 May 2017 which asked for:

"Regarding the 6th June 2017 between Bill English, Gerry Brownlee and Rex Tillerson - please provide, if possible:

- The time and location of the meeting*
- The agenda for the meeting."*

I can confirm that, as reported in the media at the time, Rex Tillerson, United States Secretary of State, met with the Prime Minister and Minister Brownlee at 12:50pm on 6 June 2017 at Premier House in Wellington.

I can also confirm that a draft agenda was prepared, but there was never an agreed formal agenda for the meeting. This draft agenda is withheld in full under the following sections of the Official Information Act:

- 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 6(b)(i) as the making available of that information would be likely *"to prejudice 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."*

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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