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Dear James Burke

I refer to your recent OIA request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, part of which was transferred to Hon David Parker, Minister for Trade and Export Growth:

1. *"A list of all reports, briefings and memoranda that the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade have received since being sworn in.*
2. *A list of all meetings that the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade have had with officials of the Government of the Russian Federation since being sworn in, broken down by subject matter and date, and copies of any documents created from those meetings.*
5. *A list of all meetings that the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade have had with officials of the European Union since the current New Zealand Government was sworn in, broken down by subject matter and date, and copies of any documents created from those meetings.*
8. *Copies of any and all correspondence between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Trade and European Union officials regarding New Zealand-Russia economic/diplomatic relations and a potential FTA with the Russia-Belarus-Kazakhstan Customs Union."*

I refer to question 1. The Minister for Trade and Export Growth receives a large amount of correspondence every day, including reports, briefings and memoranda. Are you able to further refine the scope of question 1, indicating the subject matter of the information you require?

I also draw your attention to the recently released, "Briefings to Incoming Ministers" available at: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/feature/briefings-incoming-ministers-foreign-affairs-security>.

We are continuing to work on a response to questions 2, 5 and 8 to the extent the request is for the Minister for Trade and Export Growth.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Corin Higgs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Corin Higgs
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