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James Burke

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Dear James Burke

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request of 29 November 2017 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Your request was partially transferred to my office on 13 December 2017, and seeks the following under the OIA:

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."*

For ease of reference we have numbered each part of your request.

Question 1 – The list of reports, briefings, and memos received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 26 October and 17 November 2017 is publicly available at: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_18828_2017/18828-2017-hon-gerry-brownlee-to-the-foreign-affairs.

For the reports, briefings, and memos received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 18 November 2017 and 29 November 2017, please see the attached table. Some subject headings are withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing 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(c): to avoid prejudice to the maintenance of the law;
- 6(e): to avoid damage to the New Zealand economy;
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to avoid prejudice to the commercial position of another party;
- 9(2)(d): to protect the economic interests of New Zealand;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 - Under section 18(e) of the OIA, I am refusing your requests for information in questions 2, 5 and 8 as this information does not exist.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Winston Peters', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Date	Subject
20/11/2017	Third United Nations Environment Assembly: 4-6 December 2017: Credentials submission
20/11/2017	Instrument of accession: International convention on standards of training, certification and watchkeeping for fishing vessel personnel
20/11/2017	International Criminal Court Assembly of States Parties 2017
20/11/2017	Briefing for call by His Excellency Leasi Papali'i Tommy Scanlan, High Commissioner of Samoa, 9am, Tuesday 21 November 2017
20/11/2017	Request for NZ Ambassador to Myanmar to speak at NZ Institute of International Affairs event
21/11/2017	Russia Relationship
21/11/2017	United Nations Sanctions (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Amendment Regulations 2017
21/11/2017	Diplomatic immunity: NZTE Consulate General information-sharing with s9(2)(a), s6(b)(i), s6(c) tax authorities
22/11/2017	Parliamentary Treaty Examination Waiver: Kiribati Air Services Agreement
22/11/2017	New Zealand Engagement with Taiwan
22/11/2017	Solomon Islands Aviation
22/11/2017	Diplomatic immunity: Immigration New Zealand information-sharing with Fiji / s6(c)
22/11/2017	Guest of Government: Sri Lanka's Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
22/11/2017	Asia New Zealand Foundation: Trustee Re/Appointments
22/11/2017	Tonga Energy: Nuku'alofa Network Upgrade Project
23/11/2017	Weekly report - 23 November 2017
23/11/2017	Antarctica New Zealand: Monitoring Responsibilities and Board Appointments
23/11/2017	Transfer of Accreditations of Seychelles and Mauritius
23/11/2017	Diplomatic immunity
24/11/2017	Congratulatory letter to Solomon Islands Prime Minister Houenipwela
24/11/2017	Funding approval request: Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
24/11/2017	MBIE (INZ) - Visa Services 2020 - Briefing note
24/11/2017	Speaking notes: Diplomatic corps reception, Monday 27 November
27/11/2017	Proposed deployments to United Nations Missions in Mali and South Sudan
27/11/2017	Ecuador: Request for agreement
27/11/2017	Canterbury Television building collapse - Decision on prosecution
28/11/2017	Antarctica: Appointment of National Representatives
28/11/2017	Scholarships Programme - Options to manage spend
28/11/2017	Tonga: Appointment of New Zealand Head of Mission
28/11/2017	Informal note: Asia New Zealand Foundation Board

Date	Subject
	Re/appointments
28/11/2017	Cambodia: Joint demarche on Cambodian Foreign Minister Prak Sokhonn
28/11/2017	New Zealand-Singapore Enhanced Partnership: refreshed mandate
28/11/2017	World Trade Organisational mini-Ministerial meeting
29/11/2017	Budget 2018 intentions
29/11/2017	Ukraine: Request for agreement
29/11/2017	Accra: Appointment of New Zealand Honorary Consul
29/11/2017	Singapore-New Zealand Closer Economic Partnership-Upgrade Negotiations: Closing mandate

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