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Dear James Burke

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) 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 Act:

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."*

Question 1 – For the reports, briefings, and memos received by the Minister for Trade and Export Growth between 26 October 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; and
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

Questions 2 – I met with the Russian Minister of Economic Development, Maksim Oreshkin, in the margins of APEC on 8 November 2017 and in the margins 11th WTO Ministerial Meeting on 12 December 2017. I understand that a briefing Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials prepared ahead of APEC was released to you on 18 January 2018.

Questions 5 and 8 - Under section 18(e) of the Act, I am refusing your requests for information in questions 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 black ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', written in a cursive style.

Hon David Parker
Minister for Trade and Export Growth

Date	Subject
31/10/2017	World Trade Organization Vice Chair role
2/11/2017	Call by Acting Australian High Commissioner, Andrew Cumpston
2/11/2017	s6(a)
2/11/2017	Signing of the New Zealand - Viet Nam Action Plan 2017-2020
2/11/2017	Upcoming Trade Policy Engagement Opportunities
3/11/2017	Status Report: Weekly update for MTEG
3/11/2017	Specialised World Expo 2022 Candidates and New Zealand Support
3/11/2017	2017 October baseline update submission
3/11/2017	Guest of Government status: Visit by the Minister of Economy of the UAE HE Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansouri
9/11/2017	TPP11: Depositary role
10/11/2017	Status Report: Weekly update for MTEG
10/11/2017	TPP Consultation with Wai 2522 Claimants
13/11/2017	New Zealand-Singapore Enhanced Partnership
13/11/2017	World Trade Organisation 11th Ministerial Conference: key issues and updated negotiating mandate
13/11/2017	Farewell call by Chinese Ambassador WANG Lutong
15/11/2017	Brexit: Trade Issues
8/11/2017	Guest of Government status: UK International Trade Secretary, The Rt Hon Liam Fox
15/11/2017	Telephone call by EUR Trade Commissioner Cecelia Malmstrom
16/11/2017	Fossil fuel subsidy reform side-event at the World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference
16/11/2017	New Zealand participation in the 'One Planet' climate summit (Paris, 12 December 2017)
16/11/2017	OECD Ministerial Council Meeting 2018: Vice-Chair Role
17/11/2017	Status Report: Weekly update for MTEG
21/11/2017	Russia Relationship
21/11/2017	Visit by the Minister of Economy of the UAE HE Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori: Signing of Agreed Minutes
21/11/2017	Diplomatic immunity: NZTE Consulate General information-sharing with s9(2)(a), s6(b)(i), s6(c) tax authorities
22/11/2017	New Zealand Engagement with Taiwan
23/11/2017	Transfer of Accreditations of Seychelles and Mauritius
24/11/2017	Weekly report - 24 November 2017
24/11/2017	Status Report: Weekly update for MTEG
28/11/2017	World Trade Organisational mini-Ministerial meeting
29/11/2017	Singapore-New Zealand Closer Economic Partnership Upgrade Negotiations: Closing mandate
28/11/2017	Briefing for Call by New Zealand Council of Trade Union Leaders
8/11/2017	Note for Minister Parkers Meeting with Iwi Chairs' Representatives
24/11/2017	Briefing for meeting with UK Trade Secretary Liam Fox

Date	Subject
27/11/2017	Visit by UK Secretary of State, the Rt. Hon. Liam Fox, 25-28 November : Supplementary Briefing on Tariff Rate Quota Issues
6/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 6 November – Report #1
6/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 6 November – Report #2
7/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 7 November – Report #1
7/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 7 November – Report #2
7/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 7 November – Report #3
8/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 8 November – Report #1
8/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 8 November – Report #2
8/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 8 November – Report #3
9/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 9 November – Report #1
9/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 9 November – Report #2
9/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 9 November – Report #3
10/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 10 November – Report #1
10/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 10 November – Report #2
10/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 10 November – Report #3
11/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 11 November – Report #1
11/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 11 November – Report #2
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14/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 14 November – Report #2
15/11/2017	TPP Media Reporting – 15 November – Report #1