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I refer to your email of 25 April 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

a copy of CAB-18-MIN-0054 and/or related documents that highlight the framework for the Pacific Reset Policy

On 23 May 2024, the time limits for responding to your request were extended by an additional 10 working days because the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response couldn't reasonably be made within the original time frame (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

Please find CAB-18-MIN-0054 attached.

The Cabinet paper titled 'Non-CabNet Item: New Zealand in the Pacific', which is listed on CAB- 18-MIN-0054, is publicly available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (the Ministry) website: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2019-20/Redacted-Cabinet-Paper-for-web-publication-New-Zealand-in-the-Pacific-v2..pdf>.

Other key documents relating to the Pacific Reset are also publicly available on the Ministry website. We direct your attention specifically to:

- The Cabinet paper titled *Pacific Reset: The First Year* and its Minute of Decision (ERS-18-MIN-0028) are publicly available at: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/R-R-The-Pacific-reset-The-First-Year.PDF>.
- The Cabinet paper titled *New Zealand's Pacific Engagement: From Reset to Resilience* and its Minutes of Decision (ERS-18-MIN-0031 and CAB-21-MIN-0401) are publicly available at: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/Cabinet-papers/Cab-Paper-NZ-Pacific-Engagement-From-Reset-to-Resilience.pdf>

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade



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Minute of Decision

This document contains information for the New Zealand Cabinet. It must be treated in confidence and handled in accordance with any security classification, or other endorsement. The information can only be released, including under the Official Information Act 1982, by persons with the appropriate authority.

Report of the Cabinet National Security and External Relations Committee: Period Ended 23 February 2018

On 26 February 2018, Cabinet made the following decisions on the work of the Cabinet National Security and External Relations Committee for the period ended 23 February 2018:

NSC-18-MIN-0001	Non-CabNet Item: New Zealand in the Pacific Portfolio: Foreign Affairs	CONFIRMED
NSC-18-MIN-0002	Deployment to United Nations Mission in South Sudan Portfolios: Foreign Affairs / Defence	CONFIRMED
NSC-18-MIN-0003	Additional Item: New Zealand's Hosting of APEC Meetings in 2021 Portfolio: Foreign Affairs	CONFIRMED

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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