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Thank you for your email of 26 August 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. "A list of all written advice, reports, briefings, aides-memoire, and notes, provided for and arising from, the meetings held with the United Kingdom Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Indo-Pacific, Catherine West, during August 2024.
2. Further, a list of all meetings held with the United Kingdom Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Indo-Pacific, Catherine West, during August 2024.
3. Further, any formal written advice, provided to or arising from the above meetings on: Indo-Pacific, Pacific, AUKUS"

On 5 September 2024, you agreed to refine your request to be for:

1. "A list of all written advice, reports, briefings, aides-memoire, and notes, provided for and arising from, the meetings held with the United Kingdom Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Indo-Pacific, Catherine West, during August 2024.
2. Further, a list of all meetings held with the United Kingdom Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Indo-Pacific, Catherine West, during August 2024."

I understand you have also made an additional request to the Ministry of Defence and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the same information.

The following documents are in scope of part one of your request:

| Document title | Document date |
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| Mihi Whakatau Runsheet | 21 August 2024 |
| Minister West NZ Programme as of 22 August 2024 | 22 August 2024 |
| Meeting: Catherine West, UK Parliamentary Undersecretary for the Indo-Pacific, and Hon Simon Watts (MCC), 27 August 2024 | 22 August 2024 |
| Extract from Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting – meeting & Events Briefing "Meeting Brief: Meeting with Catherine West and Prime Minister Luxon, 27 August 2024" | 23 August 2024 |
| Meeting Brief: Catherine West, UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Indo-Pacific, and Hon Todd McClay (AMFA and MfT), 26 August 2024 | 23 August 2024 |

An additional briefing titled "Meeting with Catherine West MP, United Kingdom Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Indo-Pacific", prepared for the meeting with Hon Judith Collins, will be considered as part of the Ministry of Defence's response to your request. You are referred to their response for further information.

Part 2 of your request has been interpreted to be for meetings between officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) or our Ministers with Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Indo-Pacific - Catherine West.

The following meetings are in scope of part 2 of your request:

| Date | Time | What |
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| 26 August 2024 | 08:45-09:30 | Mihi Whakatau (Welcome), followed by morning tea. |
| | 10:00-10:45 | Hon Todd McClay, Minister of Trade and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs. |
| | 14:00-14:30 | Hon Judith Collins, Minister of Defence, Minister of Science and Minister of Space. |
| | 18:00-20:00 | Evening reception on HMS TAMAR with attendees including Ministers and Foreign Affairs and Defence Select Committee. |
| 27 August 2024 | 11:00-11:30 | Hon Simon Watts, Minister of Climate Change and Minister of Revenue. |

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, we have identified no public interest in releasing the information that would override the reasons for withholding it.

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Nāku noa, nā



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