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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 27 September 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"please supply a list of all formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1-31 August 2024."

Between 1-31 August 2024, 74 briefings were sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Please note that only briefings addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs have been considered in scope of this request. The list of briefings is attached in **Annex A**.

6 briefing titles are withheld in full under one or more of the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials; and
- 9(2)(h): to maintain legal professional privilege.

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.

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



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Annex A – List of briefing titles between 1-31 August 2024

Date Of Dispatch	Category	Subject
1/08/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Courtesy call on Honourable Droupadi Murmu, President of India
1/08/2024	Brief for Event	Meeting with United States Congressional Delegation of House Appropriations Committee (Defense Sub-Committee) members
1/08/2024	Weekly Report	Weekly Report – 1 August 2024
2/08/2024	Informal Note	Informal Note — Invitation for New Zealand Parliament Engagement with NATO Parliamentary Assembly
2/08/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Bilateral Meeting with Canadian High Commissioner Joanne Lemay
2/08/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Nadine Tunley, Chief Executive, Horticulture New Zealand
5/08/2024	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire – New Zealand Pacific immigration settings
5/08/2024	Informal Note	Aide Memoire — Infant formula joint standard
5/08/2024	Aide Memoire	New Zealand's proposed response to Universal Periodic Review recommendations
5/08/2024	Submission	Thailand: Dissolution of Move Forward Party: Proposed Statement
5/08/2024	Submission	United Nations Security Council: New Zealand's Candidature for the 2039-40 term
5/08/2024	Informal Note	UNRWA: Monday 5 August Update on OIOS Investigation
6/08/2024	Informal Note	[Withheld 6(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv)]
6/08/2024	Submission	Visits in association with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Apia, Samoa (24 to 26 October 2024)
7/08/2024	Submission	PROGRESS UPDATE ON MFAT'S NEW HEAD OFFICE BUILDING
8/08/2024	Submission	Prime Minister's Mission to Malaysia and the Republic of Korea
8/08/2024	Submission	Contingent Liabilities and Assets as at 30 June 2024
8/08/2024	Informal Note	Informal Note — NZSIS Security Threat Environment Report 2024
8/08/2024	Informal Note	[Withheld 9(2)(h)]
8/08/2024	Weekly Report	MFAT Weekly Report - 8 August 2024
9/08/2024	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Operation Olympic Defender
9/08/2024	Submission	Head of Government Guest of Government request: Prime Minister, Republic of Fiji
9/08/2024	Brief for Event	PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING
13/08/2024	Informal Note	Informal Note — MFAT's Advice on the Cabinet Paper entitled "Providing greater certainty for contracting parties"

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13/08/2024	Submission	Voting Submission: Elections to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the 2025-27 term
14/08/2024	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Slovenia Double Tax Agreement
14/08/2024	Informal Note	[Withheld 6(a)]
14/08/2024	Submission	[Withheld 9(2)(f)(iv)]
15/08/2024	Brief for Meeting	Briefing for meeting with António Guterres, UN SG
15/08/2024	Weekly Report	MFAT Weekly Report - 15 August 2024
15/08/2024	Submission	New Zealand Contribution to NATO Ukraine Effort - Participation and Financial Arrangement
16/08/2024	Submission	Draft New Zealand-Tonga Statement of Partnership
16/08/2024	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire – Recognised Seasonal Employer Scheme: Cabinet Decisions on the Increase to Worker Cap and Short-term Amendments
16/08/2024	Submission	Draft New Zealand-Tonga Statement of Partnership - 6(a) and 6(b).
16/08/2024	Submission	Letters of credentials: Meetings related to the International Atomic Energy Agency and Chemical Weapons Convention
17/08/2024	Submission	PARIS: WAIVER OF IMMUNITY AND INVIOABILITY
19/08/2024	Submission	69th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission: New Zealand Approach
19/08/2024	Brief for Meeting	Background Brief – Israel/Gaza and Regional Crisis
19/08/2024	Brief for Meeting	Background Brief – New Zealand - Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) FTA Negotiations
19/08/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Bilateral Meeting with His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani
19/08/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Introductory call with HE Viktor Vavricka, Swiss Ambassador to New Zealand
19/08/2024	Submission	MFAT Strategic Intentions 2024-2028
19/08/2024	Informal Note	Second Informal Note — NZSIS Security Threat Environment Report 2024
19/08/2024	Other	Strategic Intentions 2024-2028
20/08/2024	Brief for Event	Event Brief - Dinner with António Guterres, UN Secretary-General
20/08/2024	Submission	New Zealand Candidature for the United Nations Security Council for the 2039-40 term
21/08/2024	Submission	New Caledonia: New Zealand's approach at PIF Leaders' Meeting
21/08/2024	Submission	Russia sanctions – Tranche 28
22/08/2024	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — MFAT's Advice on the Cabinet Paper entitled "Providing greater certainty for contracting parties"
22/08/2024	Weekly Report	MFAT Weekly Report - 22 August 2024

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23/08/2024	Aide Memoire	[Withheld 6(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv)]
23/08/2024	Brief for Meeting	INCOMING VISIT BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL TO AUCKLAND 23-24 AUGUST
23/08/2024	Informal Note	[Withheld 9(2)(f)(iv)]
23/08/2024	Submission	INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION: four Agreements regarding the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity
23/08/2024	Submission	New Zealand support for Joint Statement on Venezuela Election
23/08/2024	Brief for Event	PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM LEADERS MEETING
23/08/2024	Submission	Request for Approval of Heads of Post for Hungary and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
27/08/2024	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire: Asia New Zealand Foundation Board of Trustee Appointments
27/08/2024	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire: Response to Petition from Katrina Mitchell-Kouttab on Gaza-call for New Zealand to take further actions
27/08/2024	Submission – covering Cabinet Paper	Asia New Zealand Foundation: Board of Trustee Appointments
27/08/2024	Cabinet Paper	Asia New Zealand Foundation: Board of Trustee Appointments
27/08/2024	Cabinet Paper	Government response to the petition of Katrina Mitchell-Kouttab on call for New Zealand to take further actions
28/08/2024	Submission	Climate mobility – update and next steps
28/08/2024	Brief for Event	Meeting Brief: Council for International Development - Conference Dinner
28/08/2024	Submission – Joint	Plastic Pollution Treaty Negotiations - New Zealand engagement in High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution
28/08/2024	Submission	Public Advisory Committee on Disarmament and Arms Control - Process for appointing new members
29/08/2024	Submission	CHOGM visit objectives, proposed attendance at forums and bilateral meetings
29/08/2024	Submission	Antarctica New Zealand – triannual report (March – June 2024)
29/08/2024	Submission	CHOGM visit objectives, proposed attendance at forums and bilateral meetings
29/08/2024	Informal Note	Informal Note — Launch of the New Zealand-US Tech Dialogue
29/08/2024	Submission	New Zealand's Approach in Multilateral Human Rights Forums
29/08/2024	Cabinet Paper	Russia Sanctions Amendment Regulations (No 4) 2024
29/08/2024	Submission	Weekly Report - 29 August 2024
30/08/2024	Submission	International Development Cooperation Programme Quarter 4 Report