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Thank you for your email of 1 October 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'a list of all formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1-30 September 2024.'

Please refer to Annex 1 for a table of the requested information. Some titles have been withheld some information under 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;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 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)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

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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Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Annex 1.

A list of all formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1-30 September 2024.

Document Date	Document Type	Document Title
All formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the week beginning 2 September 2024		
2/09/2024	Submission	Request for Agrément for Foreign Heads of Mission for Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Kenya, and Mali
2/09/2024	Submission	Pacific Community Partnership: next three years
2/09/2024	Aide Memoire	Consolidated update on complex consular case Korea
3/09/2024	Submission	[withheld under s9(2)(f)(iv)]
4/09/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting: Japanese Consul-General, Shinji MATSUI
4/09/2024	Informal Note	[withheld under s6(a)]
4/09/2024	Brief for Call	Call with Hon Sitiveni Rabuka, Prime Minister of Fiji
5/09/2024	Submission – covering Cabinet Paper	Pacific Cooperation Foundation – Removal from Schedule 4
5/09/2024	Cabinet Paper	PUBLIC FINANCE (PACIFIC CO-OPERATION FOUNDATION) ORDER 2024
5/09/2024	Informal Note	Informal Note – New Zealand’s submission under the Convention on Biological Diversity
5/09/2024	Cabinet Paper	United Nations Security Council 2039-40 Candidature
6/09/2024	Other	New Zealand Antarctic Institute Report to the Minister 1 July 2023 – 31 October 2023
6/09/2024	Other	Antarctica New Zealand Income Statement for the period ended 31 October 2023
6/09/2024	Informal Note	Informal Note: Minister of Foreign Affairs discussion with Minister of Conservation regarding the Cabinet Paper “New Zealand’s submission to the Convention on Biological Diversity”

Document Date	Document Type	Document Title
All formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for week beginning 9 September 2024		
10/09/2024	Submission	ASEAN: Prime Minister's Fellows 2024-2025
10/09/2024	Submission	Convention on Biological Diversity: Sixteenth Conference of the Parties, 21 October – 1 November 2024
11/09/2024	Informal Note	Pacific Islands Forum Talanoa on Deep Seabed Minerals
11/09/2024	Submission	MFAT Strategic Intentions 2024-2028
11/09/2024	Submission	[Withheld under s9(2)(f)(iv)]
11/09/2024	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire: Agreement on Trade in Essential Supplies with Singapore, Meeting with Simon Terry, Sustainability New Zealand

Document Date	Document Type	Document Title
12/09/2024	Submission	Antarctica (Environmental Protection) Act 1994 – Delegation of administrative powers to Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade
12/09/2024	Submission	Israel/Palestine: Policy Settings
12/09/2024	Submission	[withheld under s6(a)]
12/09/2024	Submission – Joint	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR): 2024 priorities and delegation
12/09/2024	Informal Note	New Zealand's submission under the Convention on Biological Diversity – Updated Cabinet paper from the Minister of Conservation
12/09/2024	Submission – Joint	[withheld under s6(a) and s9(2)(d)]
13/09/2024	Submission	Priorities for New Zealand's international climate change engagement

Document Date	Document Type	Document Title
All formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for week beginning 16 September 2024		
20/09/2024	Submission	Israel/Palestine: Policy Settings
20/09/2024	Submission	[withheld under s6(a)]
20/09/2024	Submission	Tokelau – Offshores Fisheries and Legislative Update
20/09/2024	Brief for Travel	MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RT HON. WINSTON PETERS UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK
20/09/2024	Brief for Travel	OVERSEAS VISIT BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WINSTON PETERS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO NEW YORK FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL WEEK OF THE 79TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FRENCH POLYNESIA 23 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER 2024
20/09/2024	Submission	New Zealand Delegation Credentials for Ozone Layer Convention meetings, 28 October - 1 November 2024
20/09/2024	Submission	United Nations General Assembly 2024: First Committee on Disarmament and International Security
19/09/2024	Submission	Submission – Scott Base Redevelopment: authorisation to commence project reset
19/09/2024	Brief for Event	Brazil Country Paper
19/09/2024	Brief for Event	LANZBC event: Celebrating 60 Years of New Zealand and Brazil Diplomatic Relations
19/09/2024	Submission	Instrument of Full Powers: Air Services Agreement with Hungary
19/09/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting: John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the United States President for International Climate Policy
19/09/2024	Weekly Report	Informal Note – Update for week of 16/9/24

Document Date	Document Type	Document Title
19/09/2024	Brief for Event	Event Brief – IPEF Ministerial Meeting (virtual)
19/09/2024	Informal Note	Loose Leafs for Fiji Trilateral
18/09/2024	Brief for Travel	Visit to New Zealand By The Honourable Manoa Kamikamica Deputy Prime Minister Fiji Thursday 19 September 2024 to Tuesday 24 September 2024
18/09/2024	Submission	[withheld under s6(a)]
18/09/2024	Submission	[withheld under s6(a)]
17/09/2024	Informal Note	Informal Note: Commonwealth Climate Finance initiative
17/09/2024	Submission	[withheld under s6(a)]
16/09/2024	Aide Memoire	MsFT AEM September 2024 - Additional biographies
16/09/2024	Submission	[withheld under s9(2)(g)(i)]
16/09/2024	Submission	[withheld under s6(a)]
16/09/2024	Submission	New Zealand's approach to the Regular Session of the 79th session of the UN General Assembly
16/09/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Introductory meeting with Pakistan High Commissioner, Dr Faisal Aziz Ahmed
16/09/2024	Informal Note	[withheld under s6(a)]
16/09/2024	Brief for Meeting	Brief: Hon Manoa Kamikamica, Fiji Deputy Prime Minister
16/09/2024	Aide Memoire	[withheld under s6(b)(i)]

Document Date	Document Type	Document Title
<p>All formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the week beginning 23 September 2024.</p> <p>These briefing titles are publicly available on the Parliamentary website. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is, or will soon be, publicly available:</p> <p>https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_63336_2024/63336-2024-hon-david-parker-to-the-minister-of-foreign</p>		

Document Date	Document Type	Document Title
<p>All formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 16 September 2024/30 September 2024</p>		
30/09/2024	Submission	Election of the Director General for the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation