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Thank you for your email of 1 March 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"Under the Official Information Act, please supply a list of all formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1-28 February 2025."*

Between 1 and 28 February 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade provided 56 briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. These are attached in **Annex One**. 16 briefing titles are withheld 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)(b)(i): protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret;
- 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;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

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<b>ANNEX ONE - List of all formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1 February 2025 and 28 February 2025.</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Date Of Dispatch</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	3/02/2025	Informal Note	US Tariff Announcements
2.	3/02/2025	Informal Note	Conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo
3.	5/02/2025	Submission	Maui Dolphin - United States Court Case: Partial Waiver of State Immunity
4.	5/02/2025	Submission	Scott Base Redevelopment – 6-monthly update
5.	5/02/2025	Brief for Event	Event Brief: Pacific Judicial Conference Cocktail Function
6.	5/02/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Sir Brian Roche, Public Service Commissioner
7.	5/02/2025	Submission	Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Korea - strategy for 2025
8.	7/02/2025	Submission	New Zealand assistance to Ukraine in 2025
9.	10/02/2025	Brief for Meeting	Call with Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Penny Wong
10.	11/02/2025	Submission	Bilateral Treaty Waiver: Philippines–New Zealand Status of Forces Agreement
11.	11/02/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire – Cabinet Legislative Committee: Russia sanctions tranche 30 and extension of regulations
12.	11/02/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire – Cabinet: Russia Sanctions tranche 30 and extension of regulations
13.	11/02/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire – Executive Council: Russia Sanctions tranche 30 and extension of regulations
14.	11/02/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Gideon Sa'ar (pronounced Sah-ar), Israel Minister of Foreign Affairs
15.	11/02/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Meeting with Errol Clark and Tony Nowell on Singapore-New Zealand Food Security
16.	12/02/2025	Submission	Cook Islands – China: Next steps
17.	13/02/2025	Submission	Contingent Liabilities and Assets as at 31 December 2024
18.	13/02/2025	Submission	Approach to UN Human Rights Council engagement in 2025
19.	14/02/2025	Submission	US development funding freeze – initial impacts
20.	14/02/2025	Submission	30th Session of the International Seabed Authority
21.	14/02/2025	Submission	Request to cross-accredit the Embassy of Micronesia in Canberra and for Agrément for Foreign Heads of Mission for Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia and Viet Nam
22.	14/02/2025	Travel brief	Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade visit to China and Mongolia February 2025

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23.	17/02/2025	Submission	2025 March Baseline Update Submission
24.	17/02/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — Meeting with the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries on Pacific fisheries issues, Thursday 20 February 2025
25.	17/02/2025	Brief for Call	Briefing for Call: Indonesia Minister of Foreign Affairs Minister Sugiono
26.	18/02/2025	Submission	Event Brief – Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defence Breakfast with US Congressional Delegation
27.	18/02/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note - Media reporting on SPRFMO
28.	18/02/2025	Submission	Republic of Korea - Prime Ministers Fellow 2025
29.	19/02/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — Bilateral and political issues that may arise during the Honiara Summit, 24-27 February 2025
30.	19/02/2025	Submission	OVERVIEW: Honiara Summit
31.	21/02/2025	Submission	Chinese PLA-N Task Group in the Tasman Sea
32.	21/02/2025	Submission	Japan : Prime Minister’s Fellow 2025
33.	24/02/2025	Informal Note	Preliminary assessment of Cook Islands/China texts
34.	24/02/2025	Submission	Approach to UN General Assembly resolutions on Ukraine
35.	25/02/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: His Excellency Alon Roth-Snir, Ambassador of Israel to New Zealand
36.	26/02/2025	Submission	Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme Allocation for 2024-2027
37.	27/02/2025	Submission	India - Prime Minister's Fellowship (Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship) 2025
38.	28/02/2025	Submission	Australian Federal Election 2025 – Overview
39.	28/02/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Bilateral Meeting with HE Arto Haapea, Finland Ambassador to New Zealand
40.	28/02/2025	Submission	Kiribati – next steps