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I refer to your email of 29 August 2022, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*'All documents - including notes and aide-memoires - prepared for Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's telephone call with the Irish Taoiseach on 7 June 2022.'*

On 1 September 2022, we wrote to you seeking clarification on your request and noting that we interpreted your request to be for:

*'Key documents, such as briefing notes and talking points, prepared in advance of the 6 June 2022 meeting. Not including documents and communications which are administrative or logistical in nature'*

On 1 September 2022, you confirmed that you were happy with this interpretation.

The information relevant to your request – namely, the brief for call titled *Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern phone call with Taoiseach of Ireland, Micheál Martin*, is attached. We have 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;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

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 we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://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 Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade