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Thank you for your email of 28 June 2023, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I would like to make a request under the official information act 1982, this is my first ever request and it's out of a genuine interest in knowing more and being aware about what is officially being discussed. I am hoping some good initiatives are being discussed in this visit.

My searches in media for what was discussed, what was the agenda of the meeting and what potential deals are being discussed have not returned anything to a standard I would like, I am interested in knowing more. I am searching for any positive potential discussion points and potential direction which may assist New Zealand.

Can you please either forward me a summary of the discussion regarding details, not so much the greetings I am more interested in the agenda and talking points discussed or if there is a known official summary of what I am requesting then by all means share the link. I am not proficient in searching for this type of information.

Official accounts of the Prime Minister's visit to China are publicly available on the Beehive website therefore, we are refusing your request under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available.

Please find below, links to information releases that are relevant to your request:

- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/prime-minister-meets-president-xi>
- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/prime-minister-and-premier-reaffirm-strong-economic-relationship> (This link includes copy of the joint statement, to the right side of the screen when you follow the link).
- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/new-china-new-zealand-air-routes-boost-capacity-tourists>
- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/prime-minister-rt-hon-chris-hipkins-peking-university>
- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/strengthening-our-tourism-ties-china>
- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/china-and-new-zealand-strengthen-forestry-cooperation>
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- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/new-china-new-zealand-air-routes-boost-capacity-tourists> (This is a joint release with the Prime Minister)
- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/technology-partnership-connects-new-zealand-chinese-travellers>
- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/new-zealand-and-china-reaffirm-importance-agriculture-cooperation>

If you are seeking further information in addition to what is publicly available, it would be helpful if you could submit a new OIA request outlining the specific areas in which you are interested in.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) 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. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade