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I refer to your email of 12 February 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Under the OIA could you please provide me with a list of briefings that have been sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs since 1 Jan 2024, up until 10th of Feb 2024.

Between 1 January 2024 and 10 February 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) sent 81 briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Please note that 6 of the briefings were referred to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Trade, the Minister of Defence, and the Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs respectively.

A list of briefings is attached in **Annex One**. Please note, 24 of the briefing titles are being 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;
- 6(c): to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials;
- 9(2)(h): to maintain legal professional privilege; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

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Nāku noa, nā

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Sarah Corbett
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Annex One

| No | Date Of Dispatch | Category | Subject | Note |
|----|------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 4/01/2024 | Brief for Call | Introductory Call with United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken | |
| 2 | 15/01/2024 | Brief for Meeting | Republic of Fiji – Country Paper | <i>This briefing was referred to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from the Minister for Trade</i> |
| 3 | 15/01/2024 | Brief for Meeting | H.E. Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Fiji High Commissioner to New Zealand | |
| 4 | 16/01/2024 | Submission | Convention on Migratory Species: 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties: Credentials for New Zealand Delegation | |
| 5 | 16/01/2024 | Aide Memoire | Trade and economic implications of commercial shipping disruptions in the Red Sea | |
| 6 | 18/01/2024 | Informal Note | Informal Note — New Zealand Board appointments | |
| 7 | 18/01/2024 | Submission | Partial Guest of Government request: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nepal | |
| 8 | 18/01/2024 | Submission | New membership to the Inclusive Trade Action Group and Global Trade and Gender Arrangement: Australia and Brazil | |
| 9 | 19/01/2024 | Informal Note | Informal Note — Nauru's diplomatic switch to People's Republic of China | |
| 10 | 19/01/2024 | Brief for Travel | Brief for Minister for Trade Hon. Todd McClay Geneva & Dubai 23-28 January 2024 | |
| 11 | 23/01/2024 | Submission – Joint | Joint agency submission to the Petitions Committee responding to 30% by 2030 marine protection petition | |
| 12 | 23/01/2024 | Submission – Joint | Partial Guest of Government request: Minister of iTaukei Affairs, Republic of Fiji | |
| 13 | 23/01/2024 | Submission | Crisis in Myanmar: New Zealand's policy response | |
| 14 | 23/01/2024 | Submission | Myanmar: Invitation to Participate in New Zealand-hosted ASEAN Events | |
| 15 | 24/01/2024 | Submission | Sixth United Nations Environment Assembly: Credentials Submission | |
| 16 | 24/01/2024 | Submission | Bilateral Treaty Waivers: New Zealand and Solomon Islands Air Services Agreement, renewal of the New Zealand and Mexico Air Transportation Agreement and amendment to the New Zealand and India Air Services Agreement | |
| 17 | 24/01/2024 | Submission – Joint | Approval to Renew the New Zealand-Mexico Air Transportation Agreement | |

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| 18 | 24/01/2024 | Informal Note | PM visit to Australia for ANZLM – options for business element | |
| 19 | 25/01/2024 | Submission – Joint | AUKUS: Managing New Zealand’s Strategic Interests | <i>This briefing was referred to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from the Prime Minister</i> |
| 20 | 25/01/2024 | Submission | New Zealand’s approach to South Africa v Israel – International Court of Justice (ICJ) Genocide Convention case | |
| 21 | 25/01/2024 | Informal Note | Nationally Determined Contribution Achievement | |
| 22 | 25/01/2024 | Weekly Report | Weekly Report – 25 January 2024 | |
| 23 | 26/01/2024 | Submission | Responsible military use of artificial intelligence – recommendations for multilateral initiatives and related work | |
| 24 | 26/01/2024 | Submission – covering Cabinet Paper | Russia Sanctions: Cabinet Committee Paper | |
| 25 | 26/01/2024 | Submission | Credentials: World Trade Organization’s 13th Ministerial Conference | |
| 26 | 28/01/2024 | Press Release | United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Allegations - January 2024 | <i>This briefing was referred to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from the Minister for Trade</i> |
| 27 | 29/01/2024 | Submission - Joint | Guest of Government request: Vice President Ma’ruf Amin, Indonesia | |
| 28 | 30/01/2024 | Submission | New National Export Controls Legislation | |
| 29 | 30/01/2024 | Submission | Israel/occupied Palestinian territories: Travel bans in response to acts that undermine stability and security in the West Bank | |
| 30 | 31/01/2024 | Submission – Joint | New Zealand and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO): Bilateral Partnership and Renewal of Formal Arrangements | |
| 31 | 31/01/2024 | Brief for Meeting | Brief for pull aside meeting with Ambassador Damdinsuren | |
| 32 | 31/01/2024 | Submission | WTO Services Domestic Regulation Joint Statement Initiative – A Pathway to Implementation | |
| 33 | 1/02/2024 | Submission | Israel-Hamas Conflict: Humanitarian Support – Tranche Three | <i>This briefing was referred to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from the Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defence</i> |

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| 34 | 1/02/2024 | Submission | Contingent Liabilities and Assets as at 31 December 2023 | |
| 35 | 1/02/2024 | Submission – Joint | Request to join cyber security advisory naming the People’s Republic of China | |
| 35 | 1/02/2024 | Weekly Report | Weekly Report – 1 February 2024 | |
| 36 | 1/02/2024 | Submission – covering Cabinet Paper | Universal Periodic Review: Draft national report for approval | |
| 37 | 2/02/2024 | Informal Note | New Zealand – US Trade Landscape | |
| 38 | 2/02/2024 | Submission | Polynesian Health Corridors Phase II – funding approval | |
| 39 | 2/02/2024 | Press Release | Israel-Hamas Conflict: Third Humanitarian Funding Tranche – Communications Plan | |
| 40 | 2/02/2024 | Submission | Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction: Approval to progress work towards seeking a Cabinet decision on ratification | |
| 41 | 2/02/2024 | Brief for Meeting | Briefing for meeting with Hon Hu’akavameiliku, Prime Minister of Tonga, Thursday, 8 February 2024 | <i>This briefing was referred to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from the Prime Minister</i> |
| 42 | 7/02/2024 | Informal Note | Fiji – new charges laid against former Prime Minister, Attorney-General and Health Minister | |
| 43 | 7/02/2024 | Brief for Meeting | Bilateral Meeting with Retno Marsudi | |
| 44 | 8/02/2024 | Brief for Meeting | Meeting Brief: Introductory Meeting with Alicia Bárcena, Foreign Secretary, Mexico | |
| 45 | 8/02/2024 | Submission | Refocusing New Zealand’s engagement in the multilateral system | |
| 46 | 8/02/2024 | Submission – covering Cabinet Paper | 2024 Legislation Programme – Bids for the Foreign Affairs Portfolio | |
| 47 | 8/02/2024 | Weekly Report | Weekly Report – 8 February 2024 | |
| 48 | 8/02/2024 | Aide Memoire | Universal Periodic Review: Draft National Report for Approval | |
| 49 | 9/02/2024 | Brief for Meeting | Meeting Brief: Working Lunch with Honourable Narayan Prakash Saud, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal | |
| 50 | 9/02/2024 | Cabinet Paper | Antarctica: Scott Base Redevelopment project status update | <i>This briefing was referred to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from the Minister for Trade</i> |
| 51 | 9/02/2024 | Informal Note | Non-Paper: Further New Zealand Assistance to Ukraine | |
| 52 | 9/02/2024 | Aide Memoire | Aide Memoire – Ukraine Assistance: FPS Discussion | |
| 53 | 9/02/2024 | Submission | Israel/occupied Palestinian Territories: Travel | |

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| 54 | 12/02/2024 | Informal Note | Climate Finance Commitment | |
| 55 | 12/02/2024 | Submission | 2024 Legislation Programme – Bid for the Trade Portfolio | |
| 56 | 12/02/2024 | Brief for Event | Event Brief – Sri Lanka National Day Event | |
| 57 | 12/02/2024 | Aide Memoire | Aide Memoire — Universal Periodic Review: Draft National Report for Approval | |