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Thank you for your email of 31 July 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 1-31 July 2025."

Between 1 July and 31 July 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) provided 57 briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. A list of these briefing titles are attached as **Annex One**.

23 Briefing titles are withheld in full 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;
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Nāku noa, nā

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Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

ANNEX ONE - List of formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1 July and 31 July 2025

| No. | Date Of Dispatch | Category | Subject |
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| 1. | 1/07/2025 | Informal Note | Informal Note - Report back on 2025 Pacific Update |
| 2. | 1/07/2025 | Brief for Meeting | Meeting Brief: Debbie Sorensen, CEO of Moana Pasifika |
| 3. | 3/07/2025 | Submission | Head of Government (HOG) Guest of Government request: Prime Minister Hon Anthony Albanese, Australia |
| 4. | 3/07/2025 | Submission | Ministerial Policy Satisfaction Survey 2024-2025 |
| 5. | 3/07/2025 | Submission | UNITED STATES: SCHEDULED END OF 'RECIPROCAL' TARIFF 'PAUSE' on 9 JULY- POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR NEW ZEALAND |
| 6. | 7/07/2025 | Submission | Antarctica New Zealand: Final Statement of Intent 2025-2029 and Statement of Performance Expectations 2025/26 |
| 7. | 7/07/2025 | Submission | 15th Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands 23-31 July: Credentials |
| 8. | 9/07/2025 | Submission | Meeting Brief: Her Excellency Ms. Jane J. Chigiyal ("chig-ii-yall"), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), non-Resident Ambassador to New Zealand |
| 9. | 9/07/2025 | Cabinet Paper | Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Christopher Luxon – Independent State of Papua New Guinea, 4 to 6 August 2025 |
| 10. | 9/07/2025 | Submission | Meeting Brief: Dato Seri Zahid Ahmad Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister I, Malaysia. |
| 11. | 10/07/2025 | Brief for Meeting | Meeting Brief: France Parliamentary Group visit to New Zealand |
| 12. | 10/07/2025 | Submission | Head of Government (HoG) Guest of Government request: Prime Minister Jeremiah Manele, Solomon Islands |
| 13. | 10/07/2025 | Brief for Meeting | Bilateral Meeting with Papua New Guinea: Hon Justin Tkatchenko, Minister of Foreign Affairs |
| 14. | 10/07/2025 | Informal Note | Informal Note – Cabinet paper – Immigration: Two New Seasonal Visa Pathways |
| 15. | 11/07/2025 | Brief for Call | Introductory Phone Call: Dr Johann Wadephul, Minister of Foreign Affairs |
| 16. | 11/07/2025 | Submission | Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction: Second session of the Preparatory Commission |
| 17. | 11/07/2025 | Submission | Malaysia Sales and Services Tax – Implications for Fruit Exports |
| 18. | 14/07/2025 | Brief for Event | Event Brief - National Day of the Argentine Republic |

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| 19. | 15/07/2025 | Aide Memoire | Aide Memoire - Next steps for improving retail grocery competition and Sector Reviews in the 2025/26 Financial Year |
| 20. | 16/07/2025 | Informal Note | Australia New Zealand Leadership Forum Ministerial Attendance |
| 21. | 16/07/2025 | Brief for Call | Call with UAE: His Highness Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs |
| 22. | 18/07/2025 | Brief for Meeting | Meeting Brief: Minister of Foreign Affairs meeting with European Parliament Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand (DANZ) |
| 23. | 18/07/2025 | Submission | AUKUS Pillar II: Developments and Proposed Next Steps |
| 24. | 18/07/2025 | Submission | Cook Islands: Proposed Response to Prime Minister Brown's Letter |
| 25. | 21/07/2025 | Submission | Plastic Pollution Treaty Negotiations: Update on Negotiations and Invitation for Ministerial Participation at INC-5.2 |
| 26. | 21/07/2025 | Cabinet Paper | Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters - 13 to 14 August 2025 |
| 27. | 23/07/2025 | Submission | Israel/Palestine: Two-State Solution Conference |
| 28. | 23/07/2025 | Submission | Pacific Islands Forum – Planned Ocean of Peace Declaration |
| 29. | 24/07/2025 | Brief for Meeting | Meeting with Hon Jeremiah Manele, Solomon Islands Prime Minister |
| 30. | 25/07/2025 | Submission | Australia-New Zealand Leaders Meeting: Objectives and Outcomes |
| 31. | 25/07/2025 | Submission | Informal Note: Judgment re former United Nations Resident Coordinator to Suva |
| 32. | 28/07/2025 | Aide Memoire | Aide Memoire — New Zealand's Strategy for India |
| 33. | 29/07/2025 | Brief for Meeting | Meeting Brief: H.E. Mr Rashed Alqemzi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to New Zealand |
| 34. | 30/07/2025 | Submission | Contingent Liabilities and Assets as at 30 June 2025 |