

25 September 2025

195 Lambton Quay
Private Bag 18-901
Wellington 6160
New Zealand

T +64 4 439 8000
F +64 4 472 9596

OIA 30395

Personal details removed for Proactive
Release

Tēnā koe <sup>Personal details removed
for Proactive Release</sup>

Thank you for your email of 4 September 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 August 2025."

Between 1 - 31 August 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) provided 63 briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. A list of these briefing titles are attached as Appendix One.

23 of these 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;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:
www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

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 over a faint dotted line.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Appendix One – List of formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1 August and 31 August 2025.

No.	Date Of Dispatch	Category	Subject
1.	1/08/2025	Submission – covering Cabinet Paper	Fullbright New Zealand: Appointment of Patrick Waite
2.	1/08/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Fulbright New Zealand Board Appointment
3.	4/08/2025	Submission	Progress Update on MFAT's New Head Office Building
4.	4/08/2025	Submission	United States Tariffs: New Zealand Response
5.	4/08/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — Israel/Palestine: New Zealand's approach
6.	4/08/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — New Zealand - Niue Political Declaration: proposed key elements
7.	4/08/2025	Submission	Volunteer Service Abroad Funding 2025/26–2027/28
8.	5/08/2025	Cabinet Paper	Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – 9 to 11 July 2025
9.	6/08/2025	Submission	Russia Sanctions Statutory Review Response
10.	6/08/2025	Brief for Event	Event Brief: 60th National Day of the Republic of Singapore and 60th Anniversary of New Zealand – Singapore relations
11.	7/08/2025	Submission	Letter of Credentials: General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency
12.	7/08/2025	Submission	Lifting New Zealand's Relationship with India – Progress Update
13.	8/08/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Defence Force: Boeing 757 Aircraft Replacement – Project Implementation Business Case
14.	8/08/2025	Submission	The Future of Investment and Trade Partnership
15.	8/08/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Maritime Helicopter Replacement – Tranche one detailed business case
16.	8/08/2025	Submission	Instrument of Acceptance: Basel Convention Amendments
17.	8/08/2025	Submission	Canada's subsidised exports of high-value dairy protein products: Proposed New Zealand response
18.	11/08/2025	Submission	Preparatory arrangements for hosting the Pacific Islands Forum 2027
19.	11/08/2025	Submission	Meeting Brief: Council for International Development – Annual Conference Dinner
20.	12/08/2025	Submission	New Zealand's approach to three upcoming conventional weapons meetings
21.	12/08/2025	Submission	New Zealand attendance at China's events commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII

Appendix One – List of formal briefings sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1 August and 31 August 2025.

22.	12/08/2025	Submission	PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING 14 August 2025
23.	12/08/2025	Submission	MFAT Strategic Foreign Policy Assessment 2026
24.	12/08/2025	Cabinet Paper	Conclusion of Negotiations to Agree a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Singapore
25.	12/08/2025	Cabinet Paper	SOUTHEAST ASIA: IMPLEMENTING THE FOREIGN POLICY RESET
26.	13/08/2025	Submission	Consular cases: Exit bans
27.	13/08/2025	Submission	New Zealand's response to Dengue Outbreak in Samoa
28.	14/08/2025	Submission	Meeting Brief: Meeting with Dr Audrey Aumua, Chief Executive of Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand
29.	14/08/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Bilateral Meeting with Minister Vivian Balakrishnan
30.	14/08/2025	Submission	Instrument of Accession: Budapest Convention
31.	15/08/2025	Submission	United States Tariffs: Updated Impact Analysis
32.	15/08/2025	Submission	The Tokelau International Trust Fund: Appointment of Trustee and Alternate Trustee
33.	18/08/2025	Submission	MFA Phone Call with Takeshi IWAYA, Foreign Minister of Japan
34.	19/08/2025	Submission	Israel-Iran: Future Scenarios and Preparation for UN Sanctions Snapback
35.	19/08/2025	Submission	Samoa Elections: Pre- and post-election engagement
36.	21/08/2025	Submission	Antarctica New Zealand Performance Report (March – June 2025)
37.	26/08/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Cabinet Business Committee: Russia sanctions Tranche 32
38.	26/08/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Cabinet: Russia Sanctions Tranche 32
39.	26/08/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Executive Council: Russia Sanctions Tranche 32
40.	29/08/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Cabinet Paper: Active Investor Plus Visa – allowing visa holders to purchase a residential house– MFAT Comments