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Thank you for your email of 23 September 2025, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1 *"Copies of all advice, reports, briefings, or any other documents provided by the International Security and Disarmament Division (ISED) to the Prime Minister, since 1 January 2025, regarding the re-designation of the American Proud Boys as a Terrorist Entity under the Terrorism Suppression Act 2002.*
- 2 *Copies of all correspondence between MFAT and the Prime Minister's Office regarding advice provided by the International Security and Disarmament Division (ISED) to the Prime Minister on the re-designation of the American Proud Boys as a Terrorist Entity under the Terrorism Suppression Act 2002.*
- 3 *Copies of all advice, reports, briefings, or any other documents provided by the International Security and Disarmament Division (ISED) to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, since 1 January 2025, regarding the re-designation of the American Proud Boys as a Terrorist Entity under the Terrorism Suppression Act 2002.*
- 4 *Copies of all correspondence between MFAT and the Minister of Foreign Affairs' Office regarding the designation of the American Proud Boys as a Terrorist Entity under the Terrorism Suppression Act 2002."*

Your request has been numbered for administrative convenience.

Parts one and two of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Part three of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available on the DPMC website here:

<https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/publications/proactive-release-designation-american-proud-boys-terrorist-entity>

There is one email chain in scope of part four of your request. This email is dated between 2 and 6 May 2025 and has the subject line "Upcoming terrorist designations – Proud Boys [remainder of the subject line is out of scope]". The contents of this email chain 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)(a): to protect individuals' privacy; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

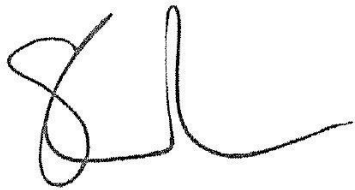
Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

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.

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Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade