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Thank you for your email of 3 November 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 October 2025."

Between 1-31 October 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) provided 79 briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. A list of the 48 briefing titles able to be released is attached as Appendix One. A further 31 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;
- 6(b)(ii): to protect the passing of information from an international organisation on a confidential basis;
- 6(d): to endanger the safety of any person;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments;
- 9(2)(h): to maintain legal professional privilege;
- 9(2)(i): to enable a Minister, public service agency or organisation to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; 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

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Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Appendix 1: List of Briefings sent from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 1 October and 31 October 2025

No.	Date Of Dispatch	Category	Subject
1.	1/10/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief: Josie Pagani, Chief Executive Officer, ChildFund New Zealand
2.	2/10/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Cabinet: United Nations Sanctions (Iran) Regulations 2025
3.	2/10/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Cabinet Legislation Committee: United Nations Sanctions (Iran) Regulations 2025
4.	2/10/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Executive Council: United Nations Sanctions (Iran) Regulations 2025
5.	3/10/2025	Submission	New Zealand Delegation Credentials for Ozone Layer Convention Meeting 3-7 November 2025
6.	3/10/2025	Submission	Russia Sanctions – Tranche 33
7.	3/10/2025	Submission	Prime Minister Attendance at RCEP Leaders' Summit
8.	6/10/2025	Submission	OECD: Invitation to Vice-Chair the Meeting of the Council at Ministerial Level (MCM) on 3-4 June 2026
9.	6/10/2025	Submission	Letter of credentials: Conference of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention
10.	6/10/2025	Brief for Event	Celebratory Lunch – 60th Anniversary of New Zealand and Singapore relations
11.	7/10/2025	Brief for Meeting	Lawrence Wong Prime Minister of Singapore, Visit to New Zealand, 9-11 October 2025
12.	7/10/2025	Brief for Event	Ministerial Dinner
13.	7/10/2025	Brief for Meeting	Bilateral Meeting Prime Ministers of New Zealand and Singapore
14.	9/10/2025	Submission	Cook Islands development programme update
15.	9/10/2025	Submission	Presenting MFAT's Annual Report 2024–25 to Parliament
16.	9/10/2025	Submission	Updated Vote Foreign Affairs Appropriation Scope Statement
17.	10/10/2025	Cabinet Paper	Pacific Resilience Facility Establishment Agreement: Approval for Ratification
18.	10/10/2025	Submission	Pacific Resilience Facility Establishment Agreement: Approval for Ratification
19.	13/10/2025	Submission	Instrument of Full Powers - Health and Safety Working Environment Fundamental Principle Amendment to the New Zealand-European Union Free Trade Agreement
20.	13/10/2025	Submission	Guest of Government request: Prime Minister Dalton Tagelagi, Niue

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21.	13/10/2025	Submission	Update on Doubling Export Budget Bid
22.	14/10/2025	Submission	Scott Base Redevelopment – six-monthly status update
23.	14/10/2025	Cabinet Paper	Working Holiday scheme negotiations with Iceland
24.	14/10/2025	Submission	2025 October Baseline Update Submission
25.	14/10/2025	Submission	2025 Half-Year Economic and Fiscal Update – Specific Fiscal Risk Disclosure
26.	15/10/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Cabinet Legislation Committee: Russia sanctions Tranche 33
27.	15/10/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Cabinet: Russia Sanctions Tranche 33
28.	15/10/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Executive Council: Russia Sanctions Tranche 33
29.	15/10/2025	Cabinet Paper	Report on Overseas Travel Rt Hon Winston Peters – September 2025
30.	16/10/2025	Brief for Event	Event Brief – MFA Courtesy Meeting with Governor Cox
31.	16/10/2025	Submission	Joint MFAT / MBIE Long-term Insights Briefing
32.	16/10/2025	Submission	Voting Submission: UNESCO Director General for 2025-29 term
33.	17/10/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — Context and Talking points for the Cabinet item Working holiday scheme negotiations with Iceland
34.	20/10/2025	Submission	Finalisation of the ASEAN-New Zealand Plan of Action 2026-2030
35.	21/10/2025	Submission	Decision to Join FIT Partnership Supply Chains Declaration
36.	21/10/2025	Submission	INSTRUMENT OF FULL POWERS: Double Taxation Agreement with Iceland
37.	22/10/2025	Submission	Appointments to EU FTA and CPTPP Dispute Settlement Panel Lists
38.	23/10/2025	Cabinet Paper	Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – 15 to 16 September 2025
39.	23/10/2025	Submission	India - Prime Minister's Fellow 2025
40.	23/10/2025	Submission	US Tariffs: Response in the context of New Zealand's global trade strategy
41.	23/10/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — October update on China's safeguards investigation into beef
42.	24/10/2025	Submission	Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme: Enlisting Debt Collection Agencies
43.	30/10/2025	Submission	Antarctica New Zealand: Annual Report for 2024/2025

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44.	30/10/2025	Submission	12th Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: Credentials
45.	30/10/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting Brief -Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Belarusian Opposition Leader in exile
46.	31/10/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — Southern Ocean Maritime Surveillance 2025-26
47.	31/10/2025	Submission – Joint	Proposals seeking endorsement at the Intergovernmental Council for Buildings and Climate ministerial meeting on 11 November 2025
48.	31/10/2025	Submission	Myanmar: New Zealand's approach to the upcoming elections

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