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Thank you for your email of 29 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 1-30 November 2025."

Between 1-30 November 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) provided 71 briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

A list of 39 briefing titles is attached as Appendix One.

A further 32 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;
- 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; 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.

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Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Appendix One: List of Briefings sent from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 1 November and 30 November 2025.			
No.	Date of Dispatch	Category	Subject
1.	4/11/2025	Submission	US trade – US Supreme Court case on US ‘Reciprocal’ tariffs
2.	4/11/2025	Brief for Event	Event Brief – Diplomatic Reception Commemorating 80th Anniversary of Indonesian Independence
3.	4/11/2025	Submission	9th CPTPP Commission: New Zealand's Strategic Approach to accessions, the General Review, and Dialogues
4.	5/11/2025	Submission	Nuclear Free Zone Act: Request for visit by the French Naval Vessel - VENDEMIAIRE
5.	5/11/2025	Submission	Nuclear Free Zone Act – Approval for the visit of two German Military Aircraft (AIRBUS A321LR and AIRBUS A400M)
6.	5/11/2025	Submission	Nuclear Free Zone Act – Request for visit of a Royal Netherlands Air Force AIRBUS A332 MRTT Aircraft
7.	5/11/2025	Submission	New Zealand – Niue Political Declaration
8.	5/11/2025	Submission	Meeting Brief: Hon. Simon Kofe, Tuvalu Minister for Transport, Energy, Communication and Innovation
9.	5/11/2025	Submission	Request for Agrément for Foreign Heads of Mission of the Dominican Republic, the Republic of Latvia and the United States of America
10.	6/11/2025	Submission	New Zealand International Humanitarian Law Committee: Report 2020-2025
11.	7/11/2025	Submission	Seventh United Nations Environment Assembly: Approach and Credentials
12.	10/11/2025	Informal Note	Informal note – Reform of International Adoption System
13.	11/11/2025	Submission	CLIMATE CHANGE COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS – APPROVAL TO SIGN AT COP30
14.	11/11/2025	Submission – Joint	Managing bilateral interest in New Zealand’s critical minerals sector
15.	12/11/2025	Submission	Informal Note Implementation of Updated Government Procurement Rules
16.	12/11/2025	Submission	International Development Cooperation: Africa Climate Smart Agriculture Activity Extension
17.	12/11/2025	Submission	Funding Approval for Crop Diversification in Timor-Leste
18.	12/11/2025	Submission	Timor-Leste Early Childhood Education Activity: Extension to December 2026
19.	12/11/2025	Submission	Chemical Weapons Convention: 30th Conference of States Parties
20.	12/11/2025	Submission	Syria Engagement Settings
21.	12/11/2025	Submission	Guest of Government request: Deputy Prime Minister Tran Hong Ha, Viet Nam

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22.	13/11/2025	Other	PGOG: Australia's Hon Chris Bowen Minister of Climate Change and Energy, Hon Jim Chalmers, Treasurer 5th December 2025
23.	13/11/2025	Brief for Event	Meeting/Event Brief: Interview with Mathias Peer, Handelsblatt Newspaper
24.	13/11/2025	Brief for Meeting	Meeting: Meeting with Hon. Dalton Tagelagi
25.	14/11/2025	Submission	Initial advice on Budget 2026
26.	14/11/2025	Submission	Meeting Brief: Air New Zealand CEO Nikhil Ravishankar
27.	14/11/2025	Submission	Plan of Action for Implementing the New Zealand - Viet Nam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership
28.	17/11/2025	Submission – Joint	Briefing: New Zealand approach and positions for CITES CoP20
29.	17/11/2025	Submission	Meeting Brief: Sir Peter Gluckman
30.	17/11/2025	Submission – Joint	Government response to UN Commission on the Status for Women – Pay equity
31.	18/11/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note — Update on the Operating Model Review of the IDC Programme
32.	19/11/2025	Submission	United States Regulatory Barriers in the Defence, Space, and Sensitive Technologies Sectors: Update and Proposed Next Steps
33.	19/11/2025	Submission	New Zealand's approach to the annual meeting of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
34.	19/11/2025	Submission	International Criminal Court Annual Assembly of States Parties, 2025
35.	19/11/2025	Submission	New Zealand–Thailand Strategic Partnership Plan of Action 2026-30
36.	20/11/2025	Submission	University of the South Pacific Council: Ministerial Appointment
37.	21/11/2025	Submission	Cook Islands: Next Steps
38.	24/11/2025	Submission – Joint	Briefing: New Zealand Defence Force Liaison Officer at the Civil-Military Coordination Centre - Next Steps
39.	25/11/2025	Informal Note	Informal Note - China's safeguards investigation into beef: final determination preparation