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Thank you for your email of 9 January 2026 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 December 2025. "*

Between 1-31 December 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) provided 47 briefings to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

A list of 23 briefing titles is attached as Appendix One.

A further 24 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;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials; and
- 9(2)(h): to maintain legal professional privilege.

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Nāku noa, nā

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Owen Thornber  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

<b>Appendix One: List of Briefings sent from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to the Minister of Foreign Affairs between 1 December and 31 December 2025.</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Date Of Dispatch</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	1/12/2025	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire: Going For Growth Trade and Investment Ministerial Group (Wednesday 3 December 2025)
2.	1/12/2025	Submission	Informal Note – Potential water management support to Fiji
3.	1/12/2025	Informal Note	FADTC: Environmental issues and the UK and EU FTAs
4.	1/12/2025	Submission	WTO Ministerial Conference 14: WTO reform agenda
5.	4/12/2025	Submission	Digital Economy Partnership Agreement: Concluding accession discussions with Peru
6.	5/12/2025	Submission	Further advice on Budget 2026 to inform initiative submission
7.	5/12/2025	Submission	Chinese Naval Extended Area Deployment (EAD) Update
8.	8/12/2025	Submission	Meeting Brief: Bilateral Meeting with HE Patryk Błaszczak, Polish Ambassador
9.	8/12/2025	Submission	Instruments of Full Powers – Japan Information Security Agreement and Japan Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement
10.	8/12/2025	Submission	Preparatory Process for New United Nations Crimes Against Humanity Convention Negotiations
11.	9/12/2025	Submission	Government Appointments 2026
12.	9/12/2025	Submission	Timor-Leste: Inclusion in the Recognised Seasonal Employer Scheme
13.	11/12/2025	Informal Note	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Written Submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on the Pacific Resilience Facility Establishment Agreement
14.	11/12/2025	Submission	Post-2025 climate-related support for developing countries
15.	11/12/2025	Submission – Joint	Joint MBIE and MFAT Long-term Insights Briefing to present to the House of Representatives
16.	12/12/2025	Submission	Budget 2026 – Package for submission to Minister of Finance
17.	12/12/2025	Brief for Meeting	Biography: Ambassador Luis Sánchez-Vellisco Sánchez
18.	15/12/2025	Other	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Written Submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on the Pacific Resilience Facility Establishment Agreement
19.	15/12/2025	Submission	Increased funding for Pacific water security activities: Kiribati and Tuvalu
20.	15/12/2025	Submission	Proliferation Security Initiative: Exercise Maru 2026

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21.	15/12/2025	Submission	Prime Minister's Fellows 2026
22.	15/12/2025	Submission	Niue Renewable Energy Project – Funding Approval
23.	15/12/2025	Submission	New Zealand's funding support for UNRWA