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Thank you for your email of 15 January 2026 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I request under the OIA all communications between officials, between MFAT and the office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and between MFAT and representatives of other nations relating to [RBNZ Governor Anna Breman's letter \(see link\)](#).

Please restrict the request to communications sent this week (commencing 12 Jan)."

On 9 February 2026, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 12 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

In response to your request, please see attached copies of the communications you've requested.

Some information is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and
- 9(2)(g)(ii): to protect officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

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www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

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Nāku noa, nā

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Owen Thornber
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Subject: RE: RB Governors' Statement on US Fed and Jerome Powell [SEC=RESTRICTED]
Date: Wednesday, 14 January 2026 10:59:00 am

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From: LESTER, James (OCE) <James.Lester@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 January 2026 10:51 am
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Thanks all – helpful to see. s9(2)(g)(i)

Thanks,
James

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Media line looks fine.

Happy for ECO to transact this with Treasury, but let us know if you'd like MEDIA to transact via media/comms teams.

Sarah Robson

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Hi James,

That media line looks good from my perspective.

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Let me reach out to Treasury and get an appropriate contact for us to liaise with.

Cheers,

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Subject: RE: RB Governors' Statement on US Fed and Jerome Powell - Media Lines mfat-external [SEC=RESTRICTED]
Date: Wednesday, 14 January 2026 1:59:35 pm
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[image003.png](#)

Hi ^{s9(2)(g)} and James,

Not sure if you were aware Tsy was added to this chain. James – great to hear you're giving the RB a heads up. ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}
have you also looped in MoF's office on the tweet?

Conor

Conor McBride | Te Tai Ōhanga **The Treasury**

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Best,

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Hi s9(2)(g)(i),

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Many thanks

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Hi Geoff,

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Best regards,

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Date: Wednesday, 14 January 2026 2:15:05 pm
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Thanks James.

The Minister has now issued his tweet ([link](#)).

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Many thanks

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Hi All,

Further to recent conversations with James Waite (AMER)....

Overnight the Governors of the Bank of New Zealand, England, Australia, Korea, Sweden, Denmark etc made a statement on the US Fed and Jerome Powell: [International central bankers on the statement by Federal Reserve Chair Powell on 11 January 2026](#)

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Regards,

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