



8 October 2024



Ref: OIA-2024/25-0234

Dear

Official Information Act request relating to: Briefings sent to the PM in August 2024

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 11 September 2024. You requested:

“Under the Official Information Act, please supply a list of all formal briefings sent to the Prime Minister by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet between 1-31 August 2024.”

We have interpreted the scope of your request to include formal briefing documents (for example reports, briefings, memoranda, aides memoire) provided to the Prime Minister (PM) for the Prime Minister portfolio from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). The relevant timeframe is interpreted to be from 1 August 2024 to 31 August 2024.

The Prime Minister regularly responds to Written Parliament Questions (WPQs) for a list of papers he has received for a specified period. Some information within scope of your request is set out in the Prime Minister’s responses to the following WPQs: 47271 (2024), 48849 (2024), WPQ 50945 (2024) and WPQ 54870 (2024).

These responses are available on the Parliamentary website and the relevant links are set out below.

- [WPQ 47271 \(2024\) - Parliament](#)
- [WPQ 48849 \(2024\) - Parliament](#)
- [WPQ 50945 \(2024\) - Parliament](#)
- [WPQ 53026 \(2024\) - Parliament](#)
- [WPQ 54870 \(2024\) - Parliament](#)

I am therefore refusing part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as some of the titles covered by your request are publicly available.

At the time of answering the above WPQs it was not in the public interest to release some of the titles. I am now in a position to release the titles of some of these documents. The released titles are set out below:

- *APH: candidate workloads, 2 August 2024*
- *Change of shareholding Minister for Crown Infrastructure Partners, 19 - 23 August 2024*
- *Change to arrangements regarding responsibility for tax legislative changes for qualifying recognised overseas pension schemes, 19 - 23 August 2024.*

Information to be withheld

Additional document titles within scope of your request, and which are withheld in the WPQs linked above, remain unreleased at this time. These titles are withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand
- section 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect the supply of similar information in the future
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

Also identified as relevant to your request are some briefings provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Policy Advisory Group to the Prime Minister (and to the Acting Prime Minister, where relevant). These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence to support him in his role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. These briefings are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand
- section 9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion
- section 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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