



22 January 2025



Ref: OIA-2024/25-0508

Dear 

**Official Information Act request relating to briefings sent to the Prime Minister by the DPMC between 1-30 November 2024**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 4 December 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 1-30 November 2024.*

A list of all briefings provided to the Prime Minister in November 2024 is publicly available in responses to Written Parliamentary Questions (WPQ). You can find the published briefing titles at the following links:

Covers the period of 1 -3 November 2024:

[https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ\\_71845\\_2024](https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_71845_2024)

Covers the period of 4 – 10 November 2024:

[https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ\\_73183\\_2024](https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_73183_2024)

Covers the period of 11 – 17 November 2024:

[https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ\\_74777\\_2024](https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_74777_2024)

Covers the period of 18 – 24 November 2024:

[https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ\\_76096\\_2024](https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_76096_2024)

Covers the period 25 – 30 November 2024:

[https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ\\_78155\\_2024](https://questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_78155_2024)

Some titles that were previously withheld are now able to be released, given the passage of time. These titles are listed in the table below:

Date	Document title
5 November 2024	Briefing: Khalistan "referendum" and system response
6 November 2024	Cabinet Paper: National Risk and Resilience
14 November 2024	Cabinet Office Circular: 2025 Legislation Programme
14 November 2024	Governor-General (Allowance) Order (No 2) 2024
27 November 2024	Assignment of Legislation to Ministers and Agencies

The Prime Minister received four additional briefings within this timeframe. I am not releasing the titles of these briefings, in accordance with 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)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

Also identified were a number of briefings provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Policy Advisory Group to the Prime Minister. 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. The titles of 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 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.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

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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