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Dear Scott

Official Information Act request for Foreign Interference Briefings and Cabinet paper

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, received on 5 April 2022. You requested:

“ONE: The December 2017 briefing titled “Foreign Interference - Brady Report and Canberra Visit” [1718NSP/033]

TWO: The February 2018 briefing titled “Update on cross-agency foreign interference work” [1718NSP/046]

THREE: The March 2018 briefing titled “Update on policy approach to foreign interference in New Zealand” [1718NSP/048]

FOUR: The October 2018 Cabinet paper titled “Managing Foreign Interference Risks in New Zealand” [ERS-18-SUB-0022]

FIVE: The April 2019 briefing titled “Foreign interference in the media” [1819NSPD/111]

SIX: The two August and September 2019 briefings both titled “Provision of Classified Material to Elected Officials” [document IDs 4155797 and 4175735]

SEVEN: The November 2020 briefing titled “Ministers Requiring Access to Classified Material” [document ID 4321072]”

As previously advised, the Cabinet paper; *Managing Foreign Interference Risks in New Zealand* was transferred to this office for a decision to be made on its release as this paper is more closely connected with the functions of the Minister for National Security and Intelligence.

We have decided to withhold this Cabinet paper in full under section 6(a) of the Act, to protect the security and defence or the international relations of New Zealand.

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

Ngā mihi nui,



Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff