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Dear Sebastian

Official Information Act request for various national security briefings

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 5 April 2022. You requested:

- “1) [05 Feb 2021] Briefing: Early Priorities for National Security and Intelligence Portfolio Meetings
- 2) [16 Feb 2021] Aide Memoire: Meeting with Brendan Horsley, Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
- 3) [03 May 2021] Briefing: Royal Commission of Inquiry Response: Potential pathways to strengthen the Intelligence and Security Committee
- 4) [01 Jun 2021] Aide-Memoire: Talking points for Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee: Intelligence and Security Committee
- 5) [18 Jun 2021] Aide-Memoire: Draft Cabinet paper: Intelligence and Security Committee
- 6) [22 Jul 2021] Briefing: United States Domestic Terrorism Strategy
- 7) [24 Aug 2021] Briefing: Massey University Research Report - 'Turning the Dial from Social Licence to Democratic Society'
- 8) [15 Sep 2021] Briefing: Advancing the Public Conversation on National Security Risk through the Long-Term Insights Briefing
- 9) [29 Oct 2021] Briefing: Improving Reporting and Triaging/Response Systems for Concerning Behaviours, Cybercrime and Online Harms”

On 4 May 2022, you were advised that the time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because consultations was needed before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

We also advised you that papers numbers 3, 4, 5 and 9 were withheld in full.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld as noted. The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

- Section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand;
- Section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals;
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials; and
- Section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

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I have decided to withhold in full the briefing *United States Domestic Terrorism Strategy*, dated 22 July 2021, under section 6(a) of the Act, to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

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

This response may 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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