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Dear T Murray

Response to your request for official information

I acknowledge your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to my office on 3 February 2024 for the following information:

"...a list of all formal advice received and the date of its receipt since 27 November 2023"

The information you have requested is outlined in Appendix One of this letter, along with any decisions on release. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

The information you have requested relating to my role as Minister for Seniors is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available at:

<https://officeforseniors.govt.nz/our-work/proactive-release/reports-to-the-minister-for-seniors/>.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Casey Costello', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Hon Casey Costello

Appendix one: list of all formal advice received and the date of its receipt from 27 November 2023 to 3 February 2024

Portfolio	Date received	Report title
Customs	27/11/2023	Your Briefing as the Incoming Minister ¹
Customs	27/11/2023	Quarterly Performance Report July to September 2023
Customs (BEB) ²	27/11/2023	Briefing to Incoming Minister: Border Executive Board ³
Customs	28/11/2023	Customs Passenger and Goods fees
Customs	28/11/2023	Aide Memoire: Excise and Excise-Equivalent Duties Table (Tobacco Products Indexation) Amendment Order 2023
Customs	29/11/2023	New Zealand Customs Service Operational and Financial Context for Savings Discussions
Customs	29/11/2023	Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Secondary briefings
Customs	29/11/2023	Trans-National Organised Crime
Customs (BEB)	30/11/2023	Secondary Briefings to Incoming Minister: Border Executive Board
Customs	1/12/2023	New Zealand-European Union Free Trade Agreement The next steps required for implementation
Customs	1/12/2023	Weekly report to the Minister of Customs: Week ending 1 December 2023
Customs	4/12/2023	Presentation to the House - Secondary Legislation
Associate Health	6/12/2023	Reversal of legislative changes to the smoked tobacco regulatory regime
Customs	7/12/2023	Illicit tobacco in New Zealand
Customs (BEB)	7/12/2023	Fortnightly Report to the Minister of Customs: Period ending 8 December 2023

¹ This report has been released on the Customs website:

<https://www.customs.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/oia/briefing-to-the-incoming-minister-casey-costello.pdf>

² BEB is an interdepartmental executive board governed by the Chief Executives of the New Zealand Customs Service, Ministry for Primary Industries (Biosecurity New Zealand), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Immigration New Zealand), Ministry of Health and Ministry of Transport

³ This report has been released on the Customs website:

<https://www.customs.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/beb/beb-bim-hon-casey-costello.pdf>

Customs	8/12/2023	Weekly report to the Minister of Customs: Week ending 8 December 2023
Customs	11/12/2023	Presentation to the 2023 Annual Report to Parliament
Associate Health	11/12/2023	Meeting Request with Maura Thompson, General Practice NZ
Associate Health	12/12/2023	Options to Repeal Amendments to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 and related Regulations Cabinet paper – talking points for Minister of Health
Customs	12/12/2023	New Zealand Customs International Engagement: Borders divide, Customs connects
Customs	12/12/2023	New Zealand Customs Service Pacific Engagement
Associate Health	14/12/2023	Response to petition of Charlotte Christie: Ban the sale of vaping products in non-vape store premises, such as dairies
Associate Health	15/12/2023	Meeting with ASH Smokefree 2025
Customs	15/12/2023	Government appointments for Customs in 2024
Customs	15/12/2023	Delegation of authority for non-departmental expenditure
Customs	15/12/2023	Weekly report to the Minister of Customs: Week ending 15 December 2023
Customs (BEB)	15/12/2023	Passenger journey experience at Auckland International Airport
Associate Health	18/12/2023	Confirming the scope of January 2024 advice on vaping and coalition agreement policies
Customs	20/12/2023	Pseudoephedrine at the border
Customs	20/12/2023	Marsden Point Refinery: remaining functions
Customs	21/12/2023	Engagement opportunity with Customs at Auckland International Airport on 11 January 2024
Customs	21/12/2023	Agenda: Visit to Auckland International Airport
Customs	21/12/2023	Presentation to the House - Secondary Legislation
Customs	21/12/2023	Weekly report to the Minister of Customs: Week ending 21 December 2023
Customs	21/12/2023	Information for meeting with Fonterra

Associate Health	21/12/2023	Information to support future communications and stakeholder engagement on the repeal of Smokefree legislation
Customs (BEB)	21/12/2023	Fortnightly Report to the Minister of Customs: Period ending 22 December 2023
Associate Health	21/12/2023	Advice on meeting request from Vape for Kids NZ
Associate Health	16/01/2024	Talking points for the draft Communications Strategy: Smokefree 2025
Associate Health	16/01/2024	Getting to Smokefree 2025: reform of vaping, smokeless tobacco and consumer nicotine product regulation
Associate Immigration	17/01/2024	Weekly report to the Minister of Immigration and Associate Ministers of Immigration (period from 11 to 16 January 2024)
Associate Health	18/01/2024	Tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (COP10)
Customs	18/01/2024	Visit to the Sea Cargo Inspection Facility, the Maritime Group, Port of Auckland, and Hawk V Patrol vessel
Customs	18/01/2024	Aide Memoire: Meeting with Roger Gray (Chief Executive Officer) and Jan Dawson (Director and Chair) - Port of Auckland
Associate Immigration	18/01/2024	Immigration's contribution to New Zealand's refugee and humanitarian objectives
Customs	19/01/2024	Weekly report to the Minister of Customs: Week ending 19 January 2024
Customs	19/01/2024	Ministerial Priorities for the Customs portfolio
Associate Health	19/01/2024	Meeting with Carolyn Young, Chief Executive Retail NZ
Associate Immigration	19/01/2024	2023 Global Refugee Forum – Approach to pledges
Associate Immigration	19/01/2024	Advancing your priorities
Associate Immigration	19/01/2024	Net migration analysis
Customs	22/01/2024	Border Protect campaign
Customs	24/01/2024	Aide memoire: Meeting with Port of Tauranga General Manager, Commercial, Blair Hamill

Associate Immigration	24/01/2024	Weekly report to the Minister of Immigration and Associate Ministers of Immigration (period from 18 to 24 January 2024)
Customs	26/01/2024	Weekly report to the Minister of Customs: Week ending 26 January 2024
Associate Health	29/01/2024	[H2024035378] withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions that protect the confidentiality for advice tendered by Ministers and officials.
Associate Health	31/01/2024	Meeting with Natural Health Products New Zealand
Associate Immigration	31/01/2024	Weekly report to the Minister of Immigration and Associate Ministers of Immigration (period from 25 to 31 January 2024)
Associate Immigration	31/01/2024	Government response to petition of Sabah Deniz Gulensoy: temporary post-earthquake visa
Customs	1/02/2024	Budget 2024 - Documents for review
Customs	1/02/2024	Methamphetamine seizure in Fiji
Customs	1/02/2024	Drug trends in the Pacific and Customs' response
Associate Health	2/02/2024	Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill: approval for introduction
Associate Health	2/02/2024	Advice about the Crown's response to Wai 3315 Smokefree Aotearoa urgent claim and application for an urgent hearing
Associate Health	2/02/2024	Stakeholder and Communications plan
Customs	2/02/2024	Weekly report to the Minister of Customs: Week ending 2 February 2024
Customs (BEB)	2/02/2024	Fortnightly Report to the Minister of Customs: Period ending 2 February 2024