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Dear Sebastian

**Official Information Act request relating to National Security Group briefings and Cabinet papers since January 2021**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 17 January 2022. You requested:

*“On 27 January 2021 DPMC received an OIA request (REF OIA-2020/21-0332) for a list of items produced by the National Security Group for ministers, and Cabinet papers drafted by this group, for the period September 2017 up to the date of the request.*

*DPMC’s response was published on the DPMC website last August:*

*<https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2021-08/dpmc-roiar-oia-2020-21-0332-documents-prepared-pm-ministers-since-sept2017.pdf>*

*I would like to like to make a request for the same information that was supplied for this request, but for the period since 27 January 2021.”*

On 16 March 2022 you were provided a list of reports, briefings, and other similar items prepared by the National Security Systems Directorate (NSSD), and the National Security Policy Directorate (NSPD). I advised that more time was required to consolidate the list of reports, briefings, and other similar items prepared by the National Cyber Policy Office, and the National Assessment Bureau, please find enclosed the remainder of your request for a list of reports, briefings, and other similar items.

I can advise that in the time period under consideration, the National Assessments Bureau provided the Prime Minister the usual suite of papers, including regular assessments and weekly briefings. These are withheld under section 6(a) of the Act as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand, or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

In considering the scope of your request, I have taken cover briefings for draft responses to other OIA requests made to Ministers, and other items relating to Ministerial correspondence, to be out of the scope of your request.

On occasion, items are jointly prepared by DPMC and at least one other agency. This list includes items where DPMC led on preparing the advice; it does not include items where DPMC contributed less significantly to other agencies’ material. Although efforts have been made to capture all documents in scope of your request, due to the volume it is possible an occasional item may have been overlooked.

Some information has been withheld, either in part or 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 the Government of New Zealand;
- Section 6(b)(i), as the making available of that information will likely prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government;
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials; and
- Section 18(d), as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available

Item	Date	Document Title	Type
1.	02 Feb 2021	Briefing: Joint Statement on Principles for Telecommunications Supply Diversity	Briefing
2.	04 Feb 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Cyber Policy Office	Report
3.	10 Feb 2021	Briefing: Announcement of decision to accede to the Budapest Convention	Briefing
4.	18 Feb 2021	Briefing: United Nations Cyber Processes	Briefing
5.	18 Feb 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Cyber Policy Office	Report
6.	26 Feb 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
7.	04 Mar 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Cyber Policy Office	Report
8.	15 Mar 2021	Briefing: Cyber Security Policy and Five Country Ministerial Responsibilities	Briefing
9.	16 Mar 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
10.	17 Mar 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
11.	18 Mar 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
12.	19 Mar 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Cyber Policy Office	Report
13.	29 Mar 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Briefing
14.	15 Apr 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Cyber Policy Office	Report
15.	29 Apr 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Cyber Policy Office	Report
16.	21 May 2021	Aide Memoire: Cyber Security Strategy Appropriation	Aide Memoire
17.	24 May 2021	Aide Memoire: Introductory Points for Videocall with Brad Smith, President Microsoft	Briefing
18.	21 Jun 2021	[withheld under section 6(a)]	Briefing
19.	25 Jun 2021	Briefing: Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence – Mid-year Council Meeting	Briefing
20.	29 Jun 2021	Aide Memoire: The Norms of Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace	Aide Memoire
21.	12 Jul 2021	Briefing: Cyber Security International Engagement Plan	Briefing
22.	14 Jul 2021	Fortnightly Report: National Cyber Policy Office	Report
23.	11 Aug 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Briefing
24.	30 Aug 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Briefing
25.	30 Aug 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Briefing
26.	09 Sep 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Cabinet Paper
27.	15 Sep 2021	[withheld under sections 9(2)(f)(iv) and 6(b)(i)]	Briefing
28.	16 Sep 2021	Aide Memoire: National security issues of DDOS attacks during lockdown	Aide Memoire
29.	17 Sep 2021	Briefing: IDCare proposal to establish a New Zealand Scam Coordination Centre	Briefing
30.	27 Sep 2021	Briefing: New Zealand Participation in US-hosted International Counter-Ransomware Initiative, 14-13 October 2021	Briefing
31.	27 Sep 2021	Briefing: Meeting with Facebook Representatives – 28 September 2021	Briefing

32.	29 Sep 2021	Briefing: Response to Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives on Cloud Services	Briefing
33.	04 Oct 2021	Briefing: Singapore International Cyber Week – Ministerial Participation	Briefing
34.	04 Oct 2021	Briefing: Bilateral Call with Singaporean Minister Josephine Teo: Talking Points	Briefing
35.	06 Oct 2021	Briefing: Draft Joint Statement for US-Hosted Counter-Ransomware Initiative, 13-14 October 2021	Briefing
36.	15 Oct 2021	[withheld under section 18(d)]	Briefing
37.	21 Oct 2021	Briefing: Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence – Annual Election	Briefing
38.	27 Oct 2021	Aide Memoire: Australia Cyber Security Centre’s Annual Cyber Threat Report (2020-2021)	Aide Memoire
39.	27 Oct 2021	Briefing: Ministerial consultation on the Draft New Zealand Infrastructure Strategy	Briefing
40.	08 Nov 2021	Aide Memoire: Cyber Security Strategy Implementation – Work Programme Update	Aide Memoire
41.	09 Nov 2021	Aide Memoire: International partners’ cyber policy and strategy developments	Aide Memoire
42.	12 Nov 2021	[withheld under section 18(d)]	Briefing
43.	22 Nov 2021	Briefing: Meeting with ASB Technology Risk and Security Specialists	Briefing
44.	26 Nov 2021	[withheld under section 18(d)]	Briefing
45.	26 Nov 2021	[withheld under section 18(d)]	Cabinet Paper
46.	30 Nov 2021	Aide Memoire: Joint Ministers and Officials meeting: Cyber security Cabinet Papers	Aide Memoire
47.	01 Dec 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Briefing
48.	01 Dec 2021	Aide Memoire: OECD Principles on Trust Government Access to Personal Data	Briefing
49.	09 Dec 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Cabinet Paper
50.	10 Dec 2021	Briefing: Policy Recommendations for Accession to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime	Briefing
51.	10 Dec 2021	[withheld under section 18(d)]	Aide Memoire
52.	13 Dec 2021	[withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)]	Aide Memoire
53.	17 Dec 2021	[withheld under section 18(d)]	Aide Memoire
54.	22 Dec 2021	Briefing: OECD Trusted Government Access Principles – Next Steps	Briefing

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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