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Tēnā koe Scott,

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1) 23/05/2022 - *“Submission: Foreign Policy Strategic Assessment 2022”*
- 2) 23/05/2022 - *“Submission: Australian Federal Election 2022 – strategic priorities for engagement with the Albanese Government”*
- 3) 24/05/2022 - *“Brief for Meeting: Jeremiah Manele, Solomon Islands Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Wednesday 25 May”*
- 4) 31/05/2022 - *“Informal Note: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi’s Visit to the Pacific: Update as at 31 May”*
- 5) 2/06/2022 - *“Aide Memoire: ERS Aide Memoire: Operation WHIO”*
- 6) 13/06/2022 - *“Briefing for call with Wang Yi, State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs”*
- 7) 22/06/2022 - *“Submission: Solomon Islands Policing Support Programme: two-year extension”*
- 8) 4/07/2022 - *“Submission: Myanmar: 17 Months after the Coup”*
- 9) 15/07/2022 - *“Submission: Prioritisation and De-prioritisation of MFAT work, 2022-23”*
- 10) 22/07/2022 - *“Non-paper: Collective Human Rights”*
- 11) 1/08/2022 - *“Informal Note: Solomon Islands’ parliamentary sitting”*
- 12) 18/08/2022 - *“Submission: Climate Migration Action Plan – August 2022 Progress Update”*
- 13) 18/08/2022 - *“Submission: New Zealand’s response to the release of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights’ report on Xinjiang”*
- 14) 26/08/2022 - *“Submission: United Nations Human Rights Council: 51st Session”*
- 15) 9/09/2022 - *“Submission: Nuclear Shipment Through the Tasman Sea”*
- 16) 16/09/2022 - *“Informal Note: International reactions to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights’ report on Xinjiang and next steps”*

On 8 November 2022, due to further consultation being required before a response could be provided, the timeframe for responding to your request was extended by 20 working days, to 6 December 2022.

On 16 November 2022 you were provided with the first tranche of your request which contained documents 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16.

Attached and listed below is the second and final tranche of the documents.

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Document 9 - *“15/07/2022 - Submission: Prioritisation and De-prioritisation of MFAT work, 2022-23”* is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Some portions of the documents listed above are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals’ privacy;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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