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Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act request for list of titles of briefings sent to the Prime Minister for February 2025

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 4 April 2025. You requested:

“Under the Official Information Act, please supply a list of all formal briefings sent to the Prime Minister by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet between 1-28 February 2025.”

Lists of titles of formal briefings provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) to the Prime Minister are regularly published as responses to Written Parliamentary Questions.

I have set out in the table below links to the responses on the Parliament website for all Parliamentary Questions for lists of formal briefing titles from DPMC to the Prime Minister for the four weeks in February 2025.

WPQ Number and Dates	Link to WPQ Response on Parliament Website
PM PQ 3863 (2025) 3 - 7 February 2025	questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_03863_2025
PM PQ 5190 (2025) 10 - 14 February 2025	questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_05190_2025
PM PQ 6149 (2025) 17 – 21 February 2025	questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_06149_2025
PM PQ 8992 (2025) 24 - 28 February 2025	questions.parliament.nz/written-questions/question/WQ_08992_2025

Your request as it relates to the titles of DPMC briefings provided in the published Written Parliamentary Question responses in the table above is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is already publicly available.

In light of your request, we have checked for any DPMC formal briefings provided in the weekends to the Prime Minister and have reassessed any titles of briefings withheld in the Parliamentary Question responses in full or in part.

Set out in the table below are titles of DPMC formal briefings provided to the Prime Minister in February 2025 that were withheld from the Parliamentary Question responses but can now be released.

WPQ Number and Dates	Date	Briefing Title
PM PQ 5190 (2025) 10 - 14 February 2025	14/02/2025	Responsibilities of the Associate Minister for Sport and Recreation (Hon Chris Bishop)
PM PQ 5190 (2025) 10 - 14 February 2025	14/02/2025	Transfer of responsibility – appointment of Te Papa Board Chair (DL: 21/2/25)
PM PQ 8992 (2025) 24 - 28 February 2025	25/02/2025	Potential forfeiture of honours – Bernard McGrath.

There are some titles of briefings identified as being in scope of your request which continue to be withheld in full or in part. These are:

- 11/02/2025 – title of briefing withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of individuals.
- 13/02/2025 – title of briefing withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.
- 19/02/2025 – title of a paper relating to the Honours system is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.
- 21/02/2025 – Briefing: “Response to the Review of the Intelligence and Security Act 2017” [Remainder of title remains withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials].

In addition, there were a number of reports provided by DPMC to both the Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence portfolios in February 2025. All details including titles are withheld 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.

Finally, identified as relevant to your request are briefings provided by DPMC’s Policy Advisory Group to the Prime Minister. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence to support him in his role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. These briefings are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand.
- 6(e)(vi), to prevent serious damage to the economy of New Zealand by prematurely disclosing decisions to change or continue government economic or financial policies relating to the entering into of overseas trade agreements.
- 9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility.
- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.
- 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

Where section 9 of the Act applies, in making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

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 DPMC 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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