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Ref: OIA-2024/25-0822

Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to Chinese naval Task Group in the Tasman Sea and Great Australian Bight

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 14 April 2025. I understand you sent your request to a number of agencies. On 23 April 2025 you refined your request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) to be for the following:

'All formal briefing documents (for example reports, briefings, memoranda, aides memoire) provided to Ministers relating to the Chinese naval Task Group in the Tasman Sea and Great Australian Bight between the dates of February 17, 2025 and March 10, 2025.'

Normally in these circumstances I would partially transfer your request to the relevant agencies involved under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as it is more closely connected to their functions. I am advised multiple agencies received the same request from you therefore I refer you to their responses. Accordingly, we have interpreted your request to be for the above-mentioned documentation created by DPMC and provided to Ministers.

Information to be withheld

There is one document that has been identified as relevant to your request that I have decided to withhold in full under the following sections of the Act:

- s6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- s6(b)(i), to protect 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.

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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