



7 August 2026

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Ref: OIA-2025/26-0026

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### **Official Information Act request relating to Cabinet and DPMC Advice on UN Letter**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 17 July 2025. You requested:

- 1. Any briefings, advice, talking points, or memos prepared by DPMC relating to the July 2025 letter sent by Hon. David Seymour to UN Special Rapporteur Albert Barume, including any signed copies of formal advice provided to the Prime Minister, Cabinet, or DPMC officials.*
- 2. Any internal or inter-agency communications involving DPMC that reference the content of the letter, the UN's original communication, or the process for coordinating the Government's response.*
- 3. Any records of Cabinet Office involvement, including communications with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Ministry for Regulation, or ministerial offices.*

On 6 August 2025 you were advised that your request was partially transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), as one piece of correspondence had been identified relevant to part [2] of your request, and it was more closely connected to their functions. MFAT will respond to you directly in relation to this.

### **Information to be withheld**

There is additional correspondence that has been identified which relates to part [3] of your request and I have decided to withhold it in full under the following sections of the Act:

- s9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility
- s9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.

Nothing else has been identified as relevant to your request.

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 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.

Nāku noa, nā



Rachel Hayward  
**Secretary of the Cabinet**