



2 December 2025

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0306

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request relating to Information held by DPMC on the possibility of setting up an 'antisemitism commissioner'

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was partially transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 10 November 2025. Your request to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) was for:

"Has the Department of Internal Affairs been involved in conversations about the possibility of setting up an 'antisemitism commissioner' or similar independent role like the one given to Jillian Segal in Australia?"

If so, please supply all email correspondence, meeting minutes and briefing documents held within the department on this matter."

We have interpreted your request as seeking the relevant parts of any emails, minutes, reports, or formal briefing documents held by DPMC which include discussion of the possibility of establishing "an 'antisemitism commissioner' or similar independent role."

Information being released

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld as noted. Information that is not in scope of your request is marked accordingly on the attached copies of these documents. The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	13 December 2024	Letter to Ben King from Phillip Green	Release in part, some information withheld under s9(2)(a).
2	30 October 2024	NZJC Report: Antisemitism in New Zealand – 7 October 2023 to 7 October 2024	Release in part.
3	13 December 2024	Memo – Upcoming CE DPMC Meeting with Phillip Green	Release in part, some information withheld under s9(2)(g)(i).
4	17 December 2024	Summary – DPMC Meeting with Phillip Green	Release in part.
5	12 February 2025	Fortnightly Report	Release in part.
6	Undated	Aide-Memoire: Meeting with Jewish Community Leaders (including Attachment B)	Release in part, some information withheld under s9(2)(ba(i) and s9(2)(g)(i).

7	Undated	Agenda: Meeting with Jewish Community Leaders	Release in part, some information withheld under s9(2)(a).
8	24 February 2025	Email: Actions from PM meeting with Jewish community leaders	Release in part, some information withheld under s9(2)(g)(i).

One additional document, as listed below, contains some information relevant to your request. I have decided to withhold the relevant material under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
-	Undated	Talking Points – PM Meeting with Jewish Community Leaders, 19 February	Withhold under s9(2)(g)(i).

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



Jeremy Clarke-Watson
Deputy Chief Executive
National Security and Resilience



Phillip D Green
Board Chair
New Zealand Jewish Community Security Group Trust
s 9(2)(a)

13 December 2024

Mr Ben King
Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
Ben.king@dpmc.govt.nz

Mr Ben King.
Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
Wellington
12 December 2024

Dear Sir

Re-Meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss the safety of the New Zealand Jewish Community.

Thank you for agreeing to meet with me at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 17 December next.

I write as Board Chair on behalf of the New Zealand Jewish Community Security Group Trust, known as the CSG. It is the CSG that has responsibility for the safety of the Jewish community throughout New Zealand. We are tasked with protecting Jewish life and the Jewish way of life.

We seek an urgent appointment with the Prime Minister, because only political intervention has any hope of stopping the otherwise inevitable attack on one or more of our places of worship and school, resulting in considerable loss of Jewish life.

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Recommendation 8

Australia, the USA and other countries have appointed a Special Envoy tasked to combat antisemitism. We would like to pursue this prospective appointment with the Prime Minister.

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Thank you for giving me time to meet. I look forward to being able to discuss these issues with you as a prelude to meeting with the Prime Minister.

Shalom

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Green', is located below the text 'Shalom'.

Phillip D Green

s 9(2)(a)

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NZJC Report

Antisemitism in New Zealand

7 October 2023 to 7 October 2024

Release date: 30 Oct 2024


Document classification: Media

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Recommendations


To help reduce and combat antisemitism in New Zealand, NZJC recommends that:

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8. The New Zealand Government follows Australia, the USA, and other countries and appoints a Special Envoy to combat antisemitism in New Zealand.

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Memorandum

UPCOMING CE DPMC MEETING WITH PHILLIP GREEN

To	Ben King, Chief Executive DPMC	Prepared by	Andy George
From	Andy George, Counter-Terrorism Strategic Coordinator, NSG	Date	13/12/2024

Purpose

1. This memo provides background information to support your introductory meeting with Phillip Green on Tuesday 17 December 2024. Phillip is meeting with you in his capacity as Chair of the Jewish Community Security Group (CSG). He similarly met with both Rebecca Kitteridge and Brook Barrington while they were CE DPMC.

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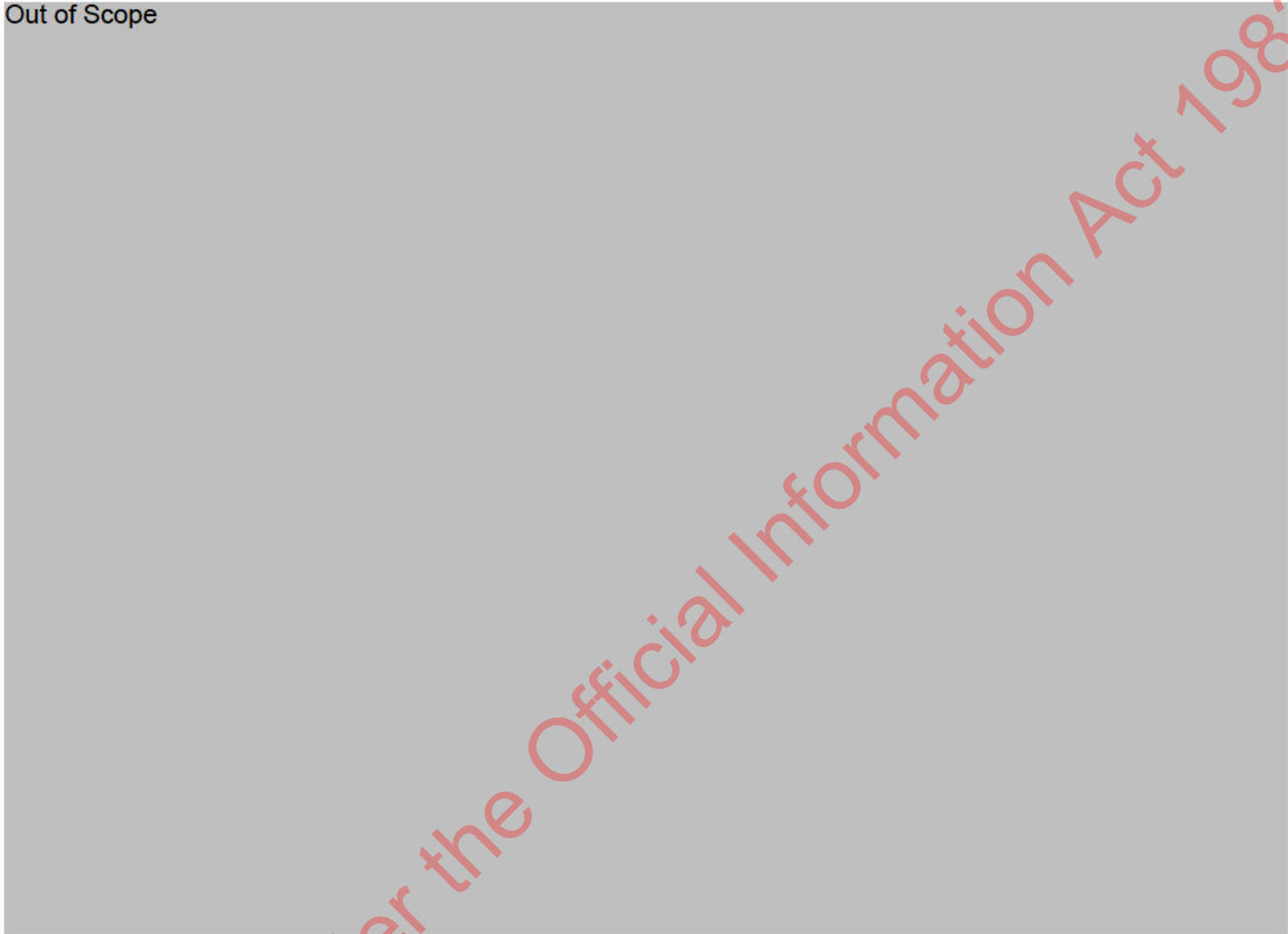


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Likely topics for discussion

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the CSG's recommendation for a Special Envoy

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20. In their report, the CSG has made two recommendations to government that Phillip is likely to raise in this context:

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Rec viii. The New Zealand Government follows Australia, the USA, and other countries and appoints a Special Envoy to combat antisemitism in New Zealand.

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23. The recommendation for the appointment of a Special Envoy follows Australia having appointed Ms Jillian Segal AO as their first Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism in Australia in July this year. On the day of that appointment, the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand and the New Zealand Jewish Council jointly published a public call for the government to appoint a similar Special Envoy here¹.
24. Ms Segal has been appointed for a three-year term and will report directly to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs. The Australian Government also subsequently announced in September the appointment of Aftab Malik as the first Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia in Australia.
25. Special Envoy roles are not common within the New Zealand system. If such an initiative were to be taken forward, we could develop specific policy advice on the form that such a role could take, how it could be created, named, appointed and enabled to deliver, and where it might best sit. s 9(2)(g)(i)

¹ <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO2407/S00061/call-for-the-new-zealand-government-to-appoint-an-envoy-to-combat-antisemitism.htm>

CSG Recommendations

To help reduce and combat antisemitism in New Zealand, CSG recommends that:

- Out of Scope [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- viii. The New Zealand Government follows Australia, the USA, and other countries and appoints a Special Envoy to combat antisemitism in New Zealand.

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CE DPMC Meeting with Phillip Green

Date	Tuesday 17 December 2024
Time	2.30pm for 30 minutes
Venue	CE's office, L8 EW
Attendees	Ben King (CE DPMC) Phillip Green (Jewish Community Security Group, CSG) Bridget While (ED National Security) Andy George (CT Strategic Coordinator)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE
PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET
TE TARI O TE PIRIMIA ME TE KOMITI MATUA

Fortnightly Report

NATIONAL SECURITY GROUP

To: Minister for National Security and Intelligence (Rt Hon Christopher Luxon)

Date	12/02/2025	Report number	DPMC-2024/25-769	Priority	Routine
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7. Following senior officials having met regularly with community representatives to discuss their concerns, **you and Hon Mark Mitchell as Minister for Ethnic Communities have a meeting with Jewish community leaders on 19 February**, where they will raise issues of:

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- appointment of a Special Envoy to combat antisemitism.

8. An Aide Mémoire with further details on these issues is being prepared to support your meeting with these community representatives.

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Aide-Mémoire

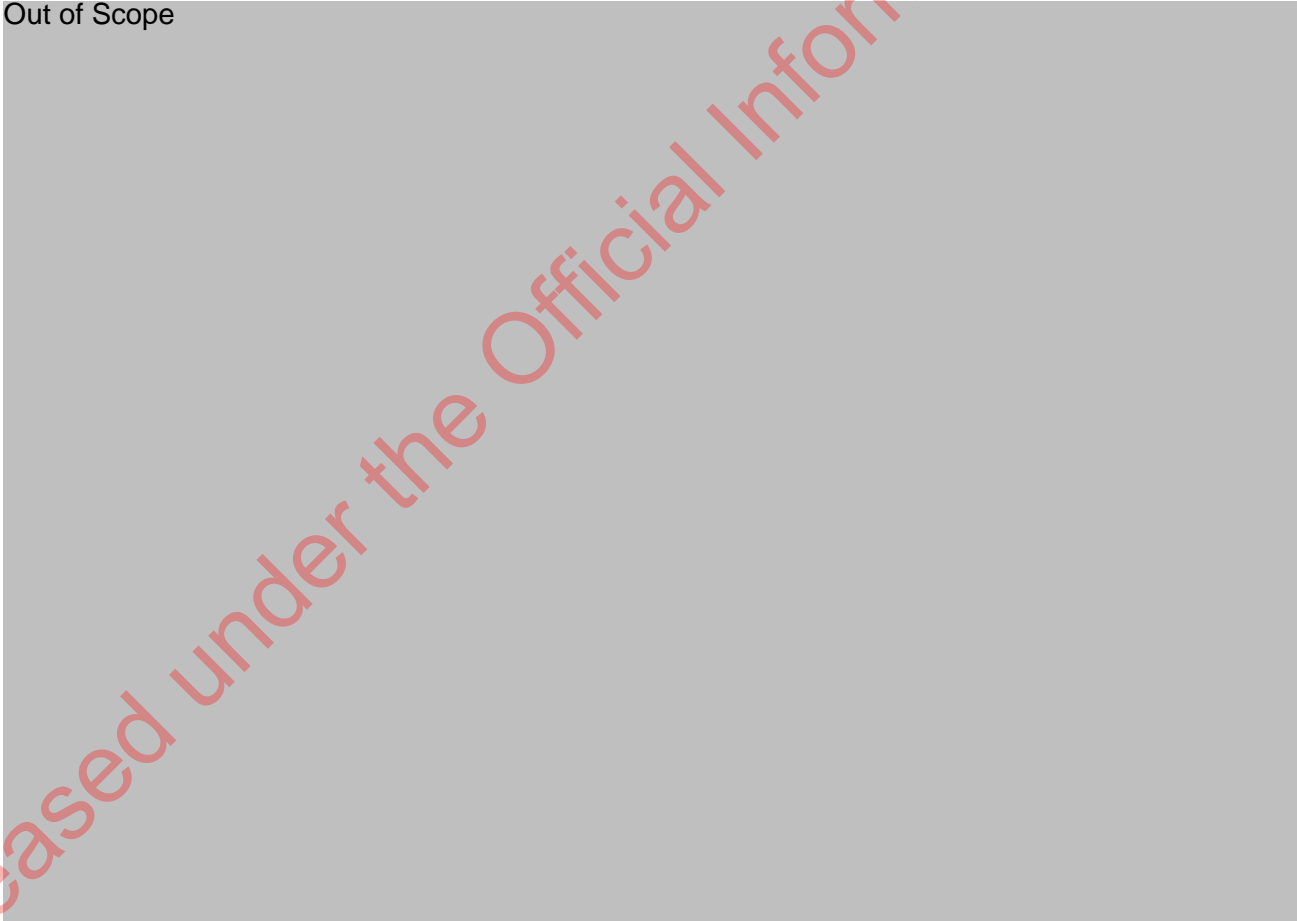
Meeting with Jewish community leaders

Purpose


1. This paper provides you with background information to support your meeting with Jewish community leaders on Wednesday 19 February 2025. The Minister for Ethnic Communities, Hon Mark Mitchell, will also attend this meeting. The agenda is provided as Attachment A.

Background and attendees

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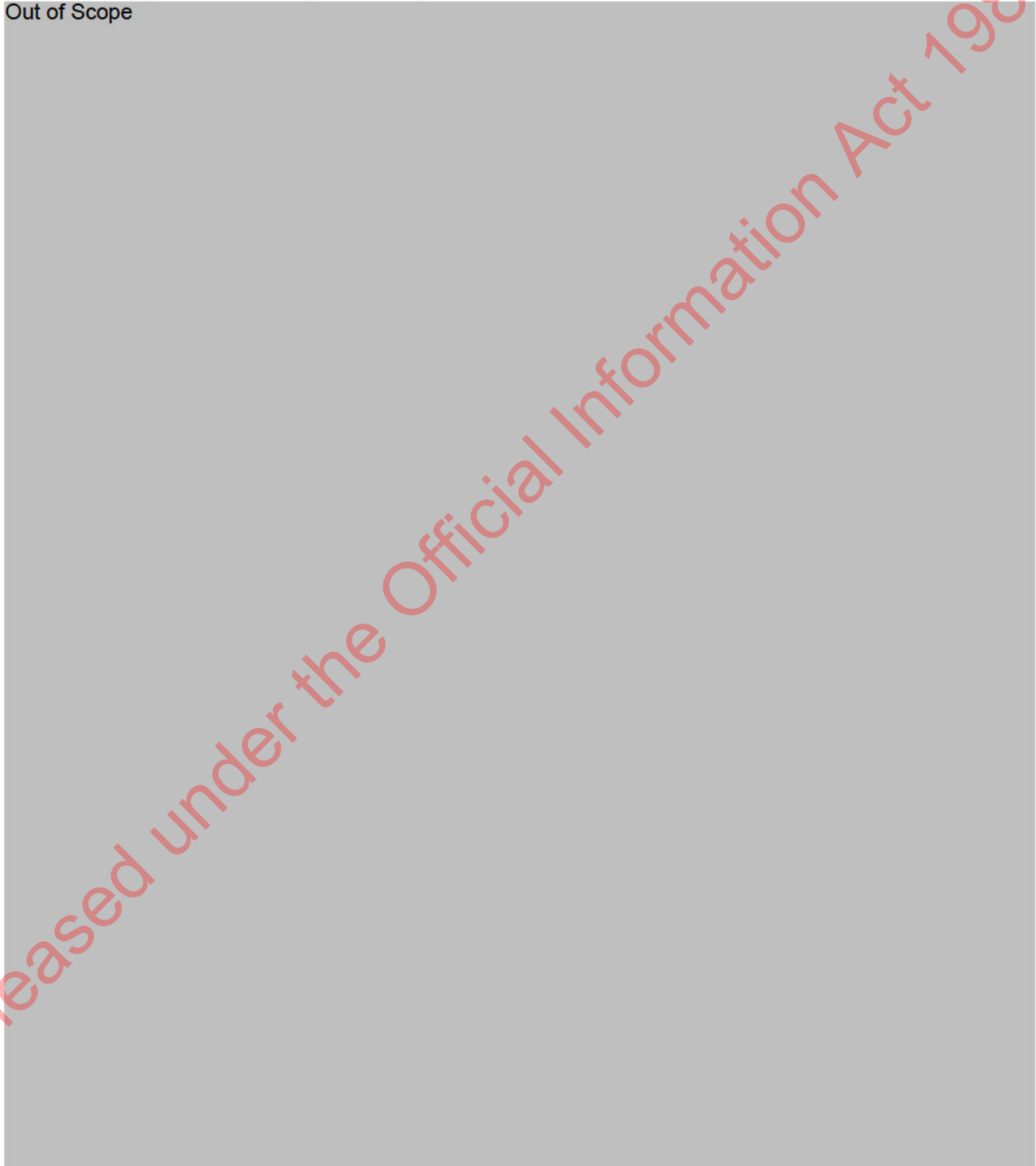


Agenda topics for discussion

6. The agenda for this meeting covers the following five topics requested for discussion by the Jewish community leaders:
 - i. Out of Scope 

- ii. Out of Scope [Redacted]
- iii. Out of Scope [Redacted]
- iv. Out of Scope [Redacted]
- v. Appointment of a Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism.

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Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism

21. The Jewish community leaders' recommendation for the appointment of a Special Envoy follows Australia having appointed Ms Jillian Segal AO as their first Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism in July last year. Similar positions also exist in Canada, the UK, the US, and the European Union, amongst others.
22. Ms Segal has been appointed for a three-year term and reports directly to the Australian Prime Minister and the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs. The Australian Government also subsequently announced in September the appointment of Aftab Malik as the first Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia in Australia.
23. On the day of Ms Segal's appointment, the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand and the New Zealand Jewish Council jointly published a public call for the government to appoint a similar Special Envoy here. The Chief Human Rights Commissioner, at the Holocaust

Remembrance event at Parliament on 27 January, also expressed strong support for the appointment of a Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism.

24. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

25. s 9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

Out of Scope [Redacted]

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Next steps

33. Following the outcome of discussion at this meeting and subject to your direction, DPMC can prepare briefings on options for progressing any of the outcomes or suggestions from the Jewish community representatives.

Attachments:	Title	Security classification
Attachment A:	Meeting agenda	IN-CONFIDENCE UNCLASSIFIED
Attachment B:	CSG Report – Analysis of Antisemitism in New Zealand 7 Oct 2023 – 7 Oct 2024	N/A
Attachment C:	New Zealand Police Risk and Threat Commentary: Jewish Interests in New Zealand	RESTRICTED UNCLASSIFIED

The relevant information from Attachment B is withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act.

Attachment C does not contain information in scope of this request.



Meeting with Jewish community leaders

Agenda

Date/Time	Wednesday 19 February 5:15-5:45pm
Venue	Beehive, Parliament Buildings
Attendees	Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister Hon Mark Mitchell, Minister for Ethnic Communities, Minister of Police Phillip Green, Chair, NZ Jewish Community Security Group s 9(2)(a) ██████████ NZ Jewish Community Security Group s 9(2)(a) ██████████ NZ Jewish Community Security Group s 9(2)(a) ██████████ NZ Jewish Council s 9(2)(a) ██████████ NZ Holocaust Centre Ben King, Chief Executive, DPMC Bridget White, Executive Director, National Security, DPMC Andy George, Counter-Terrorism Strategic Coordinator, DPMC

Item	Topic
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5	Appointment of a Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism

From: [Andy George \[DPMC\]](#)
To: [^Ethnic: Pratima namasivayam](#); [HANSEN, Sean](#); [NAIDOO, Rakesh](#); [^EXT: Ashley Johnston](#)
Cc: [Bridget White \[DPMC\]](#); [Brendan Gage \[DPMC\]](#); [Kathrine Wigley \[DPMC\]](#);
[s 9\(2\)\(a\) parliament.govt.nz](#); [Manisha Bhikha \[DPMC\]](#); [Rachel Sutherland \[DPMC\]](#); [Cherie Blithe \[DPMC\]](#); [Laura Kavanagh \[DPMC\]](#); [Kevin Moar \[DPMC\]](#)
Subject: Actions from PM meeting with Jewish community leaders
Date: Monday, 24 February 2025 3:17:55 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

~~[IN CONFIDENCE]~~

Kia ora koutou,

Following up the various conversations that I have had with you all after the PM and Minister Mitchell met with Jewish community leaders last Wednesday, confirming that these are the main actions that came out of the meeting (one for each of DPMC, MEC and NZP):

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Inclusion of a Jewish community representative on the Police Ethnic Advisory Group – NZP lead

Minister Mitchell discussed Jewish representation on the Ethnic Advisory Group, in the context of a request from the Jewish community leaders for support for appointing a Special Envoy for Combatting Antisemitism [s 9\(2\)\(g\)\(i\)](#)

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