



13 April 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0554

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request relating to Communications relating to the conflict in Iran

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 4 March 2026. You requested:

"I request under the OIA all communications between:

- *DPMC and the Prime Minister's office*
- *DPMC and MFAT*
- *DPMC and the office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.*

*Relating to the conflict in Iran which began on Sunday 1 March (NZ Time).
Please restrict this request to communications from 1 March to today."*

On 16 March, you clarified your request to be for communications between senior officials. We have therefore interpreted your request to be for all emails, phone calls, text, WhatsApp, and/or Signal messages sent or received during the period 1 – 4 March 2026 between officials whose roles are tier 3 or higher.

On 25 March, we notified you of our decision to transfer the part of your request for communications between DPMC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) to MFAT. That transfer includes any attachments authored by MFAT, including where these were forwarded on by DPMC.

Ordinarily, we would have transferred part of your request to the office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. However, when we consulted with them, they advised that the material we had identified as originating from their office would be covered by the response from MFAT. A formal transfer to that office is therefore not necessary in the present instance.

DPMC's response below covers communications between DPMC and the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) only.

Information being released

Identified as in scope of your request are some emails from DPMC, as well as some phone calls between DPMC and PMO. This includes emails between DPMC and PMO that have already been provided to you in response to your earlier request to PMO [PMO OIA 718-2025-26 refers]. For the sake of completeness, these, along with the additional material in scope of your request, are considered here, and my decisions on each of the documents identified as in scope of your request are summarised in the table below:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	4 March 2026	Email from Mark Talbot, Foreign Policy Advisor DPMC	Release email, some information withheld under s6(a) and s9(2)(a). <i>For MFAT attachment, refer to MFAT's response.</i>
2	3 March 2026	Email from Ben King, Chief Executive DPMC	Release email, some information withheld under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(g)(i). <i>For remainder of email chain, refer to MFAT's response.</i>
3	3 March 2026	Emails from Mark Talbot	Release email, some information withheld under s6(a), s6(d), s9(2)(a), s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(g)(i). <i>For MFAT attachments, refer to MFAT's response.</i>
4	3 March 2026	Email from Ben King to the Prime Minister	Withhold all relevant parts of email under s6(a) and s9(2)(g)(i).
5	2 March 2026	Email from Mark Talbot	Release email, some information withheld under s9(2)(a). Withhold attachment under s9(2)(g)(i).
6	2 March 2026	Email from Ben King	Release email, some information withheld under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(g)(i). Withhold attachment under s9(2)(g)(i).
7	2 March 2026	Email from Ben King	Release email, some information withheld under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(g)(i).
8	2 March 2026	Email from Ben King	Release email, some information withheld under s9(2)(a). <i>For remainder of email chain, refer to MFAT's response.</i>
9	1 March 2026	Email from Ben King	Release email, some information withheld under s6(a) and s9(2)(a). Release attachment, some information withheld under s6(a).
10	1 March 2026	Email from Ben King	Release email, some information withheld under s9(2)(a). Release attachment, some information withheld under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(f)(iv).
11	1 March 2026	Email from Ben King	Release relevant parts of email, some information withheld under s6(a) and s9(2)(a). <i>For remainder of email chain and attachment, refer to MFAT's response.</i>
12	1 March 2026	Emails from Mark Talbot to the Prime Minister	Release email, some information withheld under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(g)(i).

The relevant parts of one email from Ben King to the Prime Minister on 3 March 2026 (Item 4) are withheld in full under section 6(a) and section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand and to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion. This email is not included in the documents released to you.

I have decided to release relevant parts of the other emails sent from DPMC to PMO, subject to some information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Act, as applicable:

- 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- 6(d), to maintain the safety of any person

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
- 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.

Some information is not in scope of your request and is marked accordingly on the attached document.

Finally, please find below a table listing both the number of, and participants in, phone calls relating to the conflict in Iran for the period 1 – 4 March 2026:

Date	Type	Participants	Number of calls
1 March 2026	Phone	Ben King, Chief Executive DPMC; and the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon	4
1 March 2026	Microsoft Teams	Mark Talbot, Foreign Policy Advisor, and the Prime Minister (as well as a number of other DPMC and PMO officials)	1
2 March 2026	Phone	Ben King and the Prime Minister	2
3 March 2026	Phone	Ben King and the Prime Minister	2
3 March 2026	Phone	Mark Talbot and the Prime Minister	1

A total of seven additional phone calls took place between Ben King and Cameron Burrows, Chief of Staff PMO, for the period 1 – 2 March 2026 (inclusive). Please note that due to the number of calls made and received by the Prime Minister and senior officials on any given day, this record may be incomplete.

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



Lisa Daniell
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From: [Mark Talbot \[DPMC\]](#)
To: s9(2)(a): Prime Minister
Cc: [Ben King \[DPMC\]](#); [Lisa Daniell \[DPMC\]](#); [Natalie Labuschagne \[DPMC\]](#); [Dale Elvy \[DPMC\]](#); [Kate de Boer \[DPMC\]](#); [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#); [s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#); [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#); [Finn Stichbury](#); [s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#)
Subject: RE: For information: SitRep on Iran
Date: Wednesday, 4 March 2026 9:54:00 am
Attachments: [SitRep #7 0900 Wednesday 4 March.pdf](#)

Morning PM,

Latest MFAT SitRep attached, with my take on key points being:

- s6(a)
[Redacted]
- Confirmation that air strikes have hit Iranian nuclear facilities, which you may recall hadn't initially been targeted.
- Airspace is beginning to open in the region, with limited flights commencing out of key hubs of the UAE and Qatar.
- Market reaction continues to be relatively muted (e.g. equities, oil), but supply chain challenges are becoming clearer (e.g. traffic in Strait of Hormuz down 90% on last year; freight insurance rates rising).

Best wishes,

Mark Talbot
+64 s9(2)(a)

[Duplicate]

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From: [Ben King \[DPMC\]](#)
To: s9(2)(a): Prime Minister
Cc: ^s9(2)(a): PM's Office [Mark Talbot \[DPMC\]](#); ^s9(2)(a): PM's Office [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#)
Subject: FW: FORMAL MESSAGE: OPERATION EPIC FURY - Update Two
Date: Tuesday, 3 March 2026 9:31:00 am

PM – as discussed – latest report from Chris Seed’s team in Washington. [REDACTED]

s9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED] Relevant text highlighted for ease of reference.

Refer to MFAT's response.

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- s6(a) [REDACTED]
- POTUS has talked about a campaign lasting “four weeks or less”.
- With air space in most Gulf countries shut, 5,500 flights have been cancelled. 19,000 flights globally have been disrupted.
- Major shipping companies are pausing transits through the Strait of Hormuz.
- Brent crude is up 13% in early trading. s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]
- 1750 registrants on SafeTravel. Updates are being pushed out via email, social media, websites and engaging NZ media (e.g. Stuff).

Best wishes,

Mark Talbot

+64 s9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

From: Mark Talbot [DPMC] <Mark.Talbot@dpmc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 2 March 2026 5:43 am

To: s9(2)(a): Prime Minister [REDACTED]

Cc: Ben King [DPMC] <Ben.King@dpmc.govt.nz>; Lisa Daniell [DPMC] <Lisa.Daniell@dpmc.govt.nz>; Natalie Labuschagne [DPMC] <Natalie.Labuschagne@dpmc.govt.nz>; Dale Elvy [DPMC] <Dale.Elvy@dpmc.govt.nz>; Kate de Boer [DPMC] <Kate.deBoer@dpmc.govt.nz>; ^Parliament: Cameron Burrows <Cameron.burrows@parliament.govt.nz>; s9(2)(a): PM's Office [REDACTED] <s9(2)(a): PM's Office [REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: For information: SitRep on Iran

Morning PM,

Latest SitRep is attached. Key changes overnight are in red.

A major development is the first US fatalities have been confirmed (3), s9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]

The only other thing that I would highlight is that SafeTravel registrations are climbing at a fair rate, s9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED].

Latest media talking points are also attached, again with changes in red.

There is a little more information there on what MFAT is doing for consular cases, but your core messages remain the same: register yourself on SafeTravel; follow the advice of local authorities, including sheltering in place; move only when safe to do

so. With air space closed, MFAT will begin pushing out more information on the air travel situation.

Best wishes,

Mark Talbot

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From: Mark Talbot [DPMC] <Mark.Talbot@dpmc.govt.nz>

Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2026 8:39:46 PM

To: s9(2)(a): Prime Minister

Cc: Ben King [DPMC] <Ben.King@dpmc.govt.nz>; Lisa Daniell [DPMC] <Lisa.Daniell@dpmc.govt.nz>; Natalie Labuschagne [DPMC] <Natalie.Labuschagne@dpmc.govt.nz>; Dale Elvy [DPMC] <Dale.Elvy@dpmc.govt.nz>; Kate de Boer [DPMC] <Kate.deBoer@dpmc.govt.nz>; ^Parliament: Cameron Burrows <Cameron.burrows@parliament.govt.nz>; s9(2)(a): PM's Office <[s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:s9(2)(a): PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz)>

Subject: Re: For information: SitRep on Iran

Sorry Prime Minister - last email for the day!

Attached are MFAT's comms lines. s9(2)(g)(i)

Best wishes,

Mark Talbot

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From: Mark Talbot [DPMC]

Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2026 7:35:21 PM

To: s9(2)(a): Prime Minister

Cc: Ben King [DPMC] <Ben.King@dpmc.govt.nz>; Lisa Daniell [DPMC] <Lisa.Daniell@dpmc.govt.nz>; Natalie Labuschagne [DPMC] <Natalie.Labuschagne@dpmc.govt.nz>; Dale Elvy [DPMC] <Dale.Elvy@dpmc.govt.nz>; Kate de Boer [DPMC] <Kate.deBoer@dpmc.govt.nz>; ^Parliament: Cameron Burrows <Cameron.burrows@parliament.govt.nz>; s9(2)(a): PM's Office <[s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:s9(2)(a): PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz)>

Subject: RE: For information: SitRep on Iran

Afternoon PM,

At the risk of overloading you, here is the latest SitRep. I'm not sure there's much in there that hasn't already been touched on in conversations today, but useful to have all in the one place all the same.

Key takeaways for me include:

- s6(a)
- [REDACTED]
- Iranians have successfully hit airports in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, with civilians deaths in Dubai, Tel Aviv and Syria associated with the retaliatory strikes (even though most drones/missiles are being intercepted).
- The US defended its strikes as lawful actions in the UN Security Council (FYI, they cited Article 51 of the UN charter, which is the right to individual and collective self-defence.)
- With many Gulf countries' airspace closed, major airlines have temporarily halted flights ex-NZ to the Gulf. Consular calls are steady (c. 60).
- s9(2)(f)(iv)
Barclay's analysts pick up to a 37% price rise.

We will get you another update before 0600h tomorrow

Best wishes,

Mark Talbot

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From: Mark Talbot [DPMC]

Sent: Sunday, 1 March 2026 10:49 am

To: s9(2)(a): Prime Minister

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Subject: For information: SitRep on Iran

Morning Prime Minister,

Attached is the first SitRep on Iran, which provides a useful assessment of s6(a)

[REDACTED] and early signals of the breadth of impacts s6(a)

[REDACTED]

As Ben has flagged, there's a Tier 2 meeting this afternoon on Iran. While it's not included in the MFAT SitRep, just to reassure you:

- s6(d) [REDACTED]
- Treasury is already working on s9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
- NZTE, MPI and MFAT will consider this afternoon how to engage with affected New Zealand businesses.

More in due course.

Best wishes,

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Cc: [Ben King \[DPMC\]](#); [Lisa Daniell \[DPMC\]](#); [Kate de Boer \[DPMC\]](#); [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#); [^s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#)
Subject: Iran draft Ministerial Statement
Date: Monday, 2 March 2026 8:23:00 pm
Attachments: [Iran Ministerial Statement.docx](#)

Evening PM,

Attached is a very first draft of a Ministerial statement for the House tomorrow. I'm not attached to the wording, but I am conscious we need to get the ball rolling given the House sits in 18 hours!

I'll seek PMO and other colleagues feedback in the morning, but wanted you to have something to hand in case you want to think about it overnight.

Best wishes,

Mark Talbot
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To: [s9\(2\)\(a\) Mark Talbot \[DPMC\]](#); [s9\(2\)\(a\) PM's Office](#) [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#); [Finn Stichbury](#); [s9\(2\)\(a\) PM's Office](#)
Subject: RE: Inofrmation: CML Latest Lines - Iran
Date: Monday, 2 March 2026 7:48:00 pm
Attachments: [Thoughts for CML, 2 March.docx](#)

Hi PM, PMO colleagues

Some thoughts from Mark and me on the media lines (tracked into the attached document). Take or leave what you want – they’re intended as suggestions for your consideration as you continue to shape your position on this issue.

From: [s9\(2\)\(a\): Prime Minister](#)
Sent: Monday, 2 March 2026 5:53 pm
To: Ben King [DPMC] <Ben.King@dpmc.govt.nz>; Mark Talbot [DPMC] <Mark.Talbot@dpmc.govt.nz>; [s9\(2\)\(a\) PM's Office](#) <[s9\(2\)\(a\) PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:s9(2)(a) PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz)>; ^Parliament: Cameron Burrows <Cameron.burrows@parliament.govt.nz>; Finn Stichbury <Finn.Stichbury@parliament.govt.nz>; [s9\(2\)\(a\) PM's Office](#) <[s9\(2\)\(a\) PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:s9(2)(a) PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz)>; [s9\(2\)\(a\) PM's Office](#) <[s9\(2\)\(a\) PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:s9(2)(a) PM's Office@parliament.govt.nz)>
Subject: Inofrmation: CML Latest Lines - Iran

These post the Post-Cab are my latest lines. Open to further perfecting!

s9(2)(g)(i)




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From: [Ben King \[DPMC\]](#)
To: [Mark Talbot \[DPMC\]](#)
Cc: [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#); s9(2)(a): PM's Office
Subject: Intro
Date: Monday, 2 March 2026 12:13:00 pm

Something like:

s9(2)(g)(i)



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From: [Ben King \[DPMC\]](#)
To: [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#)
Subject: FW: Iran - SitRep 3, 0515 2 March 2026
Date: Monday, 2 March 2026 9:59:00 am

I'm sure s9(2)(a) will share ...

Refer to MFAT's response.

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To: s9(2)(a): Prime Minister
Cc: [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#); [s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#) [Finn Stichbury](#); [Mark Talbot \[DPMC\]](#); [Lisa Daniell \[DPMC\]](#); [Jeremy Clarke-Watson \[DPMC\]](#); [Marika Hughes \[DPMC\]](#); [s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#); [Kathrine Wigley \[DPMC\]](#)
Subject: Iran: Report from Watch Group Meeting
Date: Sunday, 1 March 2026 7:42:00 pm
Attachments: [2026-03-01 Note to Chair ODESC s6\(a\)](#); [_Watch Group #5 final\(5144043.1\).docx](#)

Prime Minister

I've attached a (brief) report from the ODESC/Whole of Government meeting today to ensure cross-system readiness to respond to the situation in Iran.

Short summary: Your Department is convening all the agencies we need engaged across the system, and we have driving home the message: be forward leaning in our posture over the coming days and weeks.

Best regards
Ben

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Officials' Committee for Domestic
and External Security Coordination

To	Ben King, ODESC Chair		
From	Marika Hughes, Watch Group Chair		
Date	1 March 2026		
Subject	Note to Chair ODESC:	^{s6(a)}	Watch Group #5

Key points

1. DPMC convened fifteen agencies at short notice today (1 March 2026) to ensure there is a coordinated cross-government response underway to the United States-Israel-Iran conflict, in support of MFAT as the lead agency.¹ Twenty-three senior officials attended, the majority of whom were Tier 2/Deputy Secretary-level.
2. Agencies recognise that while the conflict is likely to be protracted, this does not mean that agencies should wait to assess strategic risks and impacts, or have any unnecessary delay in putting mitigations in place.
3. Agencies demonstrated that there is already a significant amount of collective work underway, including scenario testing and contingency planning, on the following primary areas of focus:
 - Safety and security of New Zealanders in the region – I emphasised the need to reach the wider set of dispersed New Zealanders rather than just relying on SafeTravel.
 - Economic, fiscal and trade impacts, recognising the need to engage with numerous industry stakeholders.
 - Domestic impacts and social cohesion, including coordinated government engagement with affected communities.
 - International and foreign policy impacts, including the need for consistent principles guiding how we work with and support partners, ^{s6(a)}
4. Key agencies will now begin embedding liaison officers into MFAT's Emergency Coordination Centre. This will support more efficient information flow, development of holistic policy advice, and ensure that there are consistent talking points for Ministers across the range of issues arising in a timely fashion.

¹ Customs, DPMC, GCSB, MBIE, MEC, MFAT, MoD, MoT, MPI, NZDF, NZSIS, NZTE, Police, RBNZ and Treasury.

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From: [Ben King \[DPMC\]](#)
To: [^s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#) [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#)
Subject: FW: MEET: Middle East Update
Date: Sunday, 1 March 2026 2:30:00 pm
Attachments: [Agenda iran 1 march.docx](#)

From: Ben King [DPMC]
Sent: Sunday, 1 March 2026 2:22 pm
To: [s9\(2\)\(a\): Prime Minister](#) [@parliament.govt.nz](#); [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#) <Cameron.burrows@parliament.govt.nz>; Mark Talbot [DPMC] <Mark.Talbot@dpmc.govt.nz>; [^s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#) [@parliament.govt.nz](#); [^NZDF: Tony Davies](#) <TONY.DAVIES@NZDF.mil.nz>; [^Mfat: Bede Corry](#) <Bede.corry@mfat.govt.nz>; BURGESS, Brad (CON) <bradley.burgess@mfat.govt.nz>; Kathrine Wigley [DPMC] <kathrine.wigley@dpmc.govt.nz>; [s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#) [@parliament.govt.nz](#); Marika Hughes [DPMC] <Marika.Hughes@dpmc.govt.nz>; [^s9\(2\)\(a\)](#) [@parliament.govt.nz](#); Hon Judith Collins <judith.collins@parliament.govt.nz>; [^s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#) [@parliament.govt.nz](#)>
Subject: RE: MEET: Middle East Update

I've put an agenda together to bring some structure to today's meeting. It's attached.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: [s9\(2\)\(a\): Prime Minister](#) [@parliament.govt.nz](#)
Sent: Sunday, 1 March 2026 12:04 pm
To: Rt Hon Christopher Luxon; Ben King [DPMC]; [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#); Mark Talbot [DPMC]; [^s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#)
Subject: MEET: Middle East Update
When: Sunday, 1 March 2026 2:30 pm-3:30 pm (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

[s9\(2\)\(a\): PM's Office](#)



Agenda

Situation update, Middle East

Teams Meeting, 1430 hrs, 1 March 2026

Issue	Briefer	Time
Key Developments	Bede Corry Tony Davies	5 minutes
Consular Issues	Bede Corry Brad Burgess	5 minutes
New Zealand's people and interests (e.g. Embassies and NZDF personnel)	Bede Corry Tony Davies	10 minutes
National Security issues (including ODESC response and s9(2)(f)(iv))	Ben King	5 minutes
Any other business – including a possible briefing for the PM tomorrow morning ahead of media engagement	All	5 minutes

Attendees: Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, PM's Chief of Staff (Burrows), s9(2)(a) PMO), Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Bede Corry), Chief of the Defence Force (Tony Davies), Secretary of DPMC (Ben King), Marika Hughes (Acting DCE, National Security & Resilience, DPMC); Mark Talbot (FPA, DPMC) Brad Burgess (Divisional Manager Consular, MFAT), Kathrine Wigley and s9(2)(a): PM's Office (Chief of Staff and s9(2)(a): PM's Office DPMC).

From: [Ben King \[DPMC\]](#)
To: [^Parliament: Cameron Burrows](#)
Subject: Fw: [S6\(a\)](#) - SitRep 1
Date: Sunday, 1 March 2026 10:45:41 am
Attachments: [SITREP 1 US ISRAEL IRAN 1 March.pdf](#)
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Subject: RE: NZG Statement on Iran situation
Date: Sunday, 1 March 2026 9:33:00 am

Prime Minister,

As discussed, below is the version s9(2)(g)(i)

Mark

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s9(2)(g)(i)

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s9(2)(g)(i)

Mark Talbot

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From: Mark Talbot [DPMC]

Sent: Sunday, 1 March 2026 9:15 am

To: s9(2)(a): Prime Minister

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Subject: NZG Statement on Iran situation

Prime Minister,

Below is a draft NZ Government statement on Iran for your consideration. It is also with Minister Peters at the moment.

s9(2)(g)(i)

Happy to discuss if that's easiest.

Mark

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