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Ref: OIA-2021/22-1216

Dear Sebastian

Official Information Act request for various national security briefings

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 5 April 2022. You requested:

- 1) [05 Feb 2021] Briefing: Early Priorities for National Security and Intelligence Portfolio Meetings
- 2) [16 Feb 2021] Aide Memoire: Meeting with Brendan Horsley, Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
- 3) [03 May 2021] Briefing: Royal Commission of Inquiry Response: Potential pathways to strengthen the Intelligence and Security Committee
- 4) [01 Jun 2021] Aide-Memoire: Talking points for Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee: Intelligence and Security Committee
- 5) [18 Jun 2021] Aide-Memoire: Draft Cabinet paper: Intelligence and Security Committee
- 6) [22 Jul 2021] Briefing: United States Domestic Terrorism Strategy
- 7) [24 Aug 2021] Briefing: Massey University Research Report - 'Turning the Dial from Social Licence to Democratic Society'
- 8) [15 Sep 2021] Briefing: Advancing the Public Conversation on National Security Risk through the Long-Term Insights Briefing
- 9) [29 Oct 2021] Briefing: Improving Reporting and Triaging/Response Systems for Concerning Behaviours, Cybercrime and Online Harms "

I have decided to withhold in full the documents listed in the table below. The grounds under which information has been withheld are:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials; and
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

Date	Title
3 May 2021	Briefing: Royal Commission of Inquiry Response: Potential Pathways to Strengthen the Intelligence and Security Committee
1 June 2021	Aide-Memoire: Talking points for Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee: Intelligence and Security Committee
18 June 2021	Aide-Memoire: Draft Cabinet paper: Intelligence and Security Committee
29 October 2021	Briefing: Improving Reporting and Triaging/Response Systems for Concerning Behaviours, Cybercrime and Online Harms

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

I have also decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on the remainder of your request by an additional 20 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for the remainder of your response will be 3 June 2022.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request. Despite the extension, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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