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Tēnā koe Sebastian

Thank you for your email of 20 July 2022 in which you request the following submission under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"Reprioritising within the offshore post network" (9 November 2021)

This document is being withheld in full under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government; and
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

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