

# Office of the Prime Minister

## Prime Minister

Minister for National Security and Intelligence  
Minister for Child Poverty Reduction  
Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services  
Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage



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Tēnā koe Adam

### **Official Information Act request relating to the Prime Minister's attendance at the India NZ Business Council Summit**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 4 August 2022. You requested:

*(...). Why as Prime Minister did you not attend the 2021 India New Zealand Business Council Summit and instead the government only sent the foreign Minister the Hon Nanaia Mahuta to attend?*

*Will you attend the India New Zealand Business Council Summits as Prime Minister in the future?*

The questions you ask are outside of the scope of the Act insofar as the Act does not require this office to form an opinion or create information in order to answer questions.

This office can advise however that the Prime Minister endeavours to attend as many of the engagements she is invited to as possible. As we hope you can understand, the Prime Minister has an incredibly busy schedule and is not able to accept all invitations. Ministers often attend events relevant to their portfolios and the Prime Minister will attend events to support those Ministers where possible.

This office has not yet confirmed whether or not the Prime Minister will be available for this year's India New Zealand Business Council Summit.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna  
Chief of Staff