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Tēnā koe Scott

Thank you for your email of 25 October 2022, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following documents:

*ONE: [20/07/2022] "Briefing for Ukraine Defence Contact Group"*

*TWO: [25/07/2022] "Incoming Visits of Foreign Defence Leadership to New Zealand"*

*THREE: [27/07/2022] "Briefing for meeting with US Deputy Secretary of State"*

*FOUR: [27/07/2022] "Briefing for meeting with US Commander INDOPACOM"*

*FIVE: [05/08/2022] "Briefing Pack for visit to Solomon Islands"*

*SIX: [09/08/2022] "Briefing for Copenhagen Ukraine Conference 2022"*

*SEVEN: [06/09/2022] "Briefing: 8 September Ukraine Defence Contact Group Brief"*

*EIGHT: [07/09/2022] "Progress Update against Ministerial Priorities (1 April to 30 June 2022)"*

*NINE: [23/09/2022] "Aotearoa New Zealand's Assistance for Ukraine: Stocktake and Looking to the Future"*

*TEN: [23/09/2022] "Aide Memoire: Notification of Operation Crucible Transit of South China Sea in Oct 2022"*

On 7 November, 2022 I notified you of a transfer of Aotearoa New Zealand's Assistance for Ukraine: Stocktake and Looking to the Future to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade pursuant to 14(b)(i) of the Act.

The following documents have been prepared and are included in this response:

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It has been necessary to withhold certain information from these documents. These withholdings are indicated in the document, and are pursuant to the following grounds of the Act:

- section 6(a), as the release of this material would likely prejudice the security and defence of New Zealand, or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- section 6(b)(i), as the release of this information would likely prejudice the entrusting of information to the government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by another government
- section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to enable the continued effective conduct of their duties through the free and frank expression of opinion
- the name and contact details of point of contacts are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect privacy
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials, where the matter remains under consideration
- section 9(2)(j), to enable negotiations to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage
- section 18(d), that the information requested will soon be publicly available

Where information has been withheld under section 9(2), it is not considered that the public interest in this information outweighs the need to protect it.

A briefing document provided to me as part of the *Briefing for Copenhagen Ukraine Conference 2022* is withheld in full under section 6(a) and section 6(b)(i) of the Act.

The following document contains a substantial amount of information which will need to be reviewed and consulted with other government agencies. Therefore, I am extending this portion of your request by 30 working days to 24 January 2023, in accordance with section 15A(1) of the Act. Please be aware that this takes into account the statutory holidays over the Christmas and New Year period, which the Act stipulates 25 December to 15 January are not considered to be working days. I will endeavour to respond to you sooner.

*FIVE: [05/08/2022] "Briefing Pack for visit to Solomon Islands"*

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review my response to your request.

Nāku noa, nā



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**Enclosed:**

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