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Tēnā koe T Murray

I refer to your email of 3 December 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*All documentation provided to support Minister Peters' attendance at the US Business summit.*

*All documentation provided to support the Prime Minister's talk at the US Business summit.*

*All emails between Minister Peter's office, MFAT and the Prime Minister's regarding the US Business Summit*

On 18 January 2024 the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 35 working days because responding to your request necessitated the review of a large quantity of information and due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1) of the OIA refers).

Please note the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has interpreted your request to be for information between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs office to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister's office.

The information relevant to your request is attached. We have withheld some information 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;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

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

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett  
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade