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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2024 3:30 pm
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: s9(2)(g)(ii) ESD; MEDIA
Re: Briefs - MFA meetings with FIANZ and the Jewish Council 9 May

Hi ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}

Thank you for these briefs. Both meetings provided a useful opportunity for the Minister to listen carefully to the perspectives of these community groups.

Both the Jewish Council and FIANZ were complimentary about the level of engagement they received from MFAT (both mentioned ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers
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Private Secretary (Foreign Affairs)
Office of Rt Hon Winston Peters
Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:55:26 PM
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s9(2)(g)(ii) MEDIA <media@mfat.govt.nz>
Subject: Briefs - MFA meetings with FIANZ and the Jewish Council 9 May

[SEEMAIL] [RESTRICTED]

Kia ora ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}

Apologies for the delay, please find attached meeting briefs for MFA's engagements with FIANZ and the Jewish Council this Thursday 9 May.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Senior Policy Officer

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2024 3:31 pm
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Remember to send new time slots for FIANZ/Jewish Council meetings :)

Many thanks ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)} – that all sounds great.

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 3:28 PM
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: Remember to send new time slots for FIANZ/Jewish Council meetings :)

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Update: FIANZ has confirmed for 10.30-11am and helpfully provided a list of topics they'd like to cover:

- a) Brief overview of FIANZ (2 min)
- b) Priority issues of concern to the Community (5 min)
- c) Important Info with respect to FIANZ international programmes (8min)
 - i) OIC - Islamic Chamber of Commerce - FIANZ recently admitted (only Western nation)
 - ii) s6(b)(ii)
 - iii) Gaza - FIANZ and Malaysian NGO - 100 trucks of Food Aid to Gaza
 - iv) South East Asian Countries - RISEAP

We'll work that into the brief closer to the time. ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)} will draft the briefings while I'm on leave, and either ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)} or ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)} can pass on any info on logistics to FIANZ/the Jewish Council if needed (otherwise I'll pick up the logistics stuff when I'm back on the 6th).

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 3 April 2024 11:38 am
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Subject: RE: Remember to send new time slots for FIANZ/Jewish Council meetings :)

Cool – thanks ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}.

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 11:35 AM
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Subject: RE: Remember to send new time slots for FIANZ/Jewish Council meetings :)

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Thanks ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}. The Jewish Council has confirmed they'll take the 8.30-9am slot on Thursday 9 May. No word from FIANZ yet, but I have proposed 10.30-11am the same day and will let you know when I hear back.

Ngā mihi,

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 28 March 2024 3:52 pm

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: RE: Remember to send new time slots for FIANZ/Jewish Council meetings :)

Thanks ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}. Briefs by the Monday morning of that week please.

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:38 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: RE: Remember to send new time slots for FIANZ/Jewish Council meetings :)

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Wonderful, thanks ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)} I'll go out to FIANZ and the Jewish Council to confirm the new times. I'm back in NZ on 6 May so it's a blessing in disguise from my perspective. Assuming we go ahead with that day, when do you want briefings by?

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, 28 March 2024 3:36 pm

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: RE: Remember to send new time slots for FIANZ/Jewish Council meetings :)

Thanks ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}! Was just locking in new times. The two slots are on Thu 9 May:

- 8.30am – 9.00am
- 10.30am – 11.00am

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:27 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: Remember to send new time slots for FIANZ/Jewish Council meetings :)

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks!

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 26 March 2024 9:58 am
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Subject: RE: MFA Meeting with the Jewish Council.+ FIANZ

Brilliant – thanks very much for the update.

For Parliament entry, both groups will need to proceed through the main entrance security screening and sign in at the kiosks (they can my name as their contact point).

Cheers
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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 9:55 AM
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Subject: RE: MFA Meeting with the Jewish Council.+ FIANZ

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Mōrena s9(2)(g)(ii)

Quick update on this. The Jewish Council have confirmed that they will take the 5-5.30pm slot with the Minister on Weds 10 April. I have offered the 3.30-4pm slot to FIANZ and will let you know when I hear back.

I have asked both organisations to provide a list of names of who will be attending (max 3 people) by 3 April so that I can get these to you along with briefings on the 5th.

Closer to the time, please let me know if there is any logistical information you'd like me to pass on to the Jewish Council/FIANZ, e.g. where to meet at Parliament, who they should call if there are any problems etc.

Ngā mihi,

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Wednesday, 20 March 2024 2:55 pm
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Subject: RE: MFA Meeting with the Jewish Council.+ FIANZ

Kia ora ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}

Before I reach out to the Jewish Council and FIANZ, could you please let me know what the Minister's preference is for the location of these meetings? Does he want to host at the Beehive or will it be a virtual meeting? We could also host at MFAT if needed.

Thanks!

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2024 1:24 pm
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: RE: MFA Meeting with the Jewish Council.+ FIANZ

Thanks ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)} Briefing by COB 5 April would be great.

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:21 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

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Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: RE: MFA Meeting with the Jewish Council.+ FIANZ

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Thanks ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)} Confirming we will sound out both the Jewish Council and FIANZ on the below times.

When will you need briefing by?

Nga mihi, ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}

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s9(2)(g)(ii)

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2024 12:47 pm

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: RE: MFA Meeting with the Jewish Council.+ FIANZ

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii)

As I mentioned earlier, we are holding two slots in the Minister's diary for a meeting with FIANZ and a meeting with the Jewish Council. The slots are both on Wednesday 10 April - 3.30pm – 4.00pm, and 5.00pm – 5.30pm.

We would be grateful if MEA could liaise with both organisations to see if these times work. Our preference would be for both organisations to keep numbers limited to 3 pers.

Many thanks

^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 10:32 AM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: MFA Meeting with the Jewish Council.

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Kia Ora ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}

We spoke recently regarding arranging meeting between the Minister and Juliet Moses from the Jewish Council. You mentioned that the Minister was open to meeting with Ms Moses *after* he returns from his travels.

We are keen to follow up on the Minister's letter to the Jewish Council and wanted to check with you if there are any preferred times that would work for the Minister's schedule. Could you please provide a couple of timings for the call. We presume it will be undertaken by Zoom.

Once we have some suggested timings, we will then reach out direct to the Jewish Council to confirm availability. We will also provide briefing for the Minister.

I appreciate you may not be in a position to confirm times until the Minister is back.

Thanks, ^{s9(2)(g)(ii)}

From: Winston Peters (MIN) <W.Peters@ministers.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 29 February 2024 8:56 am
To: s9(2)(a)
Subject: Letter from the Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Dear Juliet Moses

Please find attached a response from the Minister of Foreign Affairs to your letters of 7 December 2023 and 16 February 2024.

We apologise for the delay in response and thank you for your patience.

Kind regards

Foreign Affairs Private Secretary



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Minister of Foreign Affairs | Minister for Racing |
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Meeting Brief: Jewish Council Meeting

8:30am-9:00am, 9 May 2024

Attendees

- Juliet Moses, President
- s9(2)(a) Expert Delegate to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), and Council Member

Key objectives

- Understand views of the Jewish community in New Zealand and update the Council on the Government's response to the Israel-Hamas conflict.

Discussion points

- s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

- s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

Terrorist designations

- s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

- s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)
 - s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)

UNRWA

- s9(2)(g)(i)

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International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)

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Background

1. The Jewish Council has met regularly with a group of government agencies since the 7 October terrorist attacks, including DPMC, MFAT, NZ Police, NZ SIS, Ministry of Ethnic Communities, and Department of Internal Affairs. The most recent meeting was on 12 April. The Council has raised several concerns in these meetings, including:

- s9(2)(ba)(i)
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¹ s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(ba)(i)
- s9(2)(ba)(i)

2. In response, agencies have provided the Council with:

- Clarification on the ways agencies work with the community and respond to concerns raised by the community (e.g. NZ Police and NZ SIS investigation processes);
- Information on available government resources to support education and prevention activities in the classroom and the community; and
- Commitments to follow up on concerns raised by the community and to meet with the community at its request in the future.

Terrorist Designations

3. s6(a)

IHRA

4. The IHRA was founded by Sweden in 1998. There are 35 Member countries and 8 Observer countries. One of the IHRA's most publicised outputs is its non-legally binding "working definition" of antisemitism. A majority of Observers and Members of the IHRA have adopted the working definition:

- *"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."*

5. A range of countries have not formally adopted the working definition despite being Members or Observers of the IHRA. s9(2)(g)(i)

6. s6(a)

The UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief clarified that "criticism of the Government of Israel is not per se antisemitic, as stated in the [IHRA]

Working Definition, unless it is accompanied by manifestations of hatred towards Jews in general, or expressions that build on traditional antisemitic stereotypes.”

7. s6(a)

s9(2)(g)(i)

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8. s6(a)

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Meeting Brief: Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ)

10:30am-11:00am, 9 May 2024

Attendees

- Abdur Razzaq Khan, Chair of FIANZ and Co-Chair of the Christchurch Call Advisory Network
- s9(2)(a) Youth Director
- s9(2)(a) Co-Chair of Advocacy

Key objectives

- Understand views of the Muslim community in New Zealand and convey the Government's sympathies for innocent lives lost in the Israel-Hamas conflict.
- Update FIANZ on the Government's response to the conflict.

Issues to be raised by FIANZ

OIC - Islamic Chamber of Commerce

- *Background only:* The Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development, established in 1976, is an affiliated institution of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and is the sole representative for the private sector of all 57 Member Islamic Countries. Of the 67 members, FIANZ is so far the sole accredited organisation from a western country. Its application was approved in December 2023.

s6(b)(ii)

FIANZ humanitarian aid for Gaza

[FIANZ has been working with partners to deliver aid to Gaza (cash, food and in-kind items), including with a Malaysian NGO that is supported by the Malaysian Government.]

- Share with FIANZ that advocating for improved humanitarian access is a priority for New Zealand.
- New Zealand's support totals NZ\$17 million with the most recent contribution of NZ\$2 million to the UN Mechanism for Gaza supporting efforts to improve aid flows.
- Note that New Zealand's focus is providing financial contributions to experienced international humanitarian agencies that can deliver at the scale required (and procure effectively and efficiently). This includes the World Food Programme and UN Children's Fund.

Regional Islamic Da'wah Council of South East Asia & the Pacific (RISEAP)

- *Background only:* RISEAP is an organisation based in Kuala Lumpur working to promote the welfare of minority Muslim communities in the South East Asia region. It has a relationship with Muslim communities in New Zealand via FIANZ. MFAT has not worked with RISEAP previously, s9(2)(g)(i)

Christchurch Call Advisory Group

- *[Abdur Razzaq Khan is a co-Chair of the Christchurch Call Advisory Network (CCAN) s9(2)(ba)(i)*
]
- Note that the CCAN plays an important role providing independent civil society expert advice on the Christchurch Call work programme. MFAT funding was provided on a 'one-off' basis to support the establishment of a coordinator role for the Network. Provision of government funding on an ongoing basis would undermine the Network's independence. Note positively that funding from the French government has been made available to support the continuation of the CCAN coordinator role until a more sustainable option can be identified.
- *[If raised – Christchurch Call Secretariat]* Note that following agreement by leaders at the Christchurch Call Summit in Paris in November, the work to transition the Call Secretariat to a new non-government structure is now well under way. We appreciate the important contribution made to that process by the (FIANZ) CCAN co-Chair and representative of the community impacted by the Christchurch terrorist attack.

Israel/Hamas conflict - discussion points

- s9(2)(g)(i)
- s9(2)(g)(i)
- s9(2)(g)(i)
- s9(2)(g)(i)

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

- s9(2)(g)(i)
- s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

If raised – terrorist designations and travel bans

- s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

If raised – Palestinian statehood recognition

- s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)

- s9(2)(g)(i)

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- s9(2)(g)(i)

Background

Christchurch Call Advisory Group

1. MFAT's Global Security Fund provided a one-off lump-sum payment of NZ\$66,700 to fund the establishment of an admin/coordinator position to support the Christchurch Call Advisory Network (CCAN) in 2020/21. CCAN is an independent body which coordinates civil society input into the Christchurch Call work programme. The term for MFAT's funding is set to conclude on 30 June 2024. The French Government has also provided a lump-sum payment of NZ\$80,026, which may be drawn on by CCAN to continue the role for a period beyond 30 June 2024.
2. MFAT funding was provided to FIANZ on a one-off basis to enable the establishment of a coordinator role and provide a 'bridging resource' to the network while it sought a sustainable funding source from other stakeholders. It is important that CCAN preserve a degree of independence from government if they are to continue to provide a credible civil society voice in the Call community. Provision of open-ended government support would undermine that independence.
3. The Christchurch Call Secretariat is currently in a transitional phase, in line with a decision by leaders at the Call Summit in November to explore options and implement a more sustainable structure. Following Cabinet agreement in March, officials are now working to transition the Secretariat to a non-government entity by 1 July. As CCAN co-Chair, Khan has been participating in a Call Community reference group to provide guidance on the legal structure and design of the new structure.

Hamis terrorist designation

4. Terrorist designations are made under the Terrorism Suppression Act 2002. The Act sets out stringent criteria that must be met for an entity to be designated in New Zealand. Those criteria include reasonable grounds to believe that an entity has knowingly carried out, or has knowingly participated in the carrying out of, one or more terrorist acts.
5. Designation decisions are taken by the Prime Minister and are informed by a range of advice from officials. The Terrorist Designations Working Group (TDWG) creates a statement of case outlining whether there is sufficient evidence to meet the statutory test for designation under the Act. This is presented to the National Security Board to consider, and then provide a recommendation to the Prime Minister on whether or not to designate. The Prime Minister must then consult with the Attorney-General about the decision before designating an entity for the first time (as the case of Hamas in its entirety).
6. Designation freezes any assets of terrorist entities in New Zealand. It also makes it a criminal offence to carry out property or financial transactions with them, or provide material support. The decision to designate Hamas a terrorist entity does not affect New Zealanders' ability to support the humanitarian crisis in Gaza or elsewhere.
7. The designation of Hamas as an organisation does not extend to the population or all individuals governed by an organisation, even if they are supporters of its aims and objectives. Membership of an organisation alone is not an offence under the Act, which

is focused on an individual's actions e.g. if they enhance the ability of a designated entity to carry out a terrorist act.

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