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Tēnā koe Bhoe Gyalo

We refer to your email of 15 June 2024 to Rt Hon Christopher Luxon in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*I would like to request all official/unofficial meeting briefings/details between yourself and China's Premier Li Qiang that was around human rights issues in China; in particular Tibet.*

*Did you bring up the topic of basic human rights issues in Tibet and the violation of freedom of the ethnically minority Tibetan people inside China? Were any concerns raised by yourself on this matter when the Premier was here in New Zealand?*

*Meeting dates - 13-15th June 2024.*

On 21 June 2024 your request for information was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) for response.

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; and,
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy.

The notes taken by attendees at the meetings are 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;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis; and,
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments

New Zealand is committed to the promotion and protection of human rights globally. The New Zealand Government raises our concerns regarding human rights in China as part of our regular diplomatic engagements. Recent visits to New Zealand by Premier Li Qiang in June 2024, and Foreign Minister Wang Yi in March 2024, provided opportunities to register our concerns.

The Prime Minister's press release dated 13 June 2024, provides a summary report of the meeting between Prime Minister Luxon and Premier Li at Government House. This is publicly available on the Beehive website: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/prime-minister-luxon-meets-premier-li>

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/)

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Nāku noa, nā

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

Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade