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Dear G Mitchells

## RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

On 2 March 2026 you requested the following information from the Department of Internal Affairs, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding the attendance of Judith Collins at the Munich Security Conference on or around 11 February 2026. I request the following information:*

- 1. The total cost to the New Zealand Government associated with this travel;*
- 2. A breakdown of those costs where possible (including but not limited to international flights, accommodation, meals and incidentals, conference registration fees, security, and administrative support);*
- 3. The titles or official roles of members of the travelling party (including accompanying staff), excluding personal names where appropriate;*
- 4. The stated purpose of the visit, including official objectives, briefing materials, and scheduled meetings.*
- 5. If any part of the requested information is publicly available, please direct me to the relevant source.*

On 6 March item 4 of your request was transferred to the Ministry of Defence. On 24 March I extended the time for responding due to substantial collation and consultation required. The timeframe was extended by 11 working days, to Wednesday, 22 April 2026.

The following briefings are in scope of your request, and are enclosed:

- Briefing Pack: *Minister of Defence Travel to Munich, Germany Briefing Document 11–14 February 2026*; and
- Meeting Briefing: *Industry Meeting: Palantir Technologies*, February 2026.

Some parts of these documents are withheld, in accordance with the following grounds of the Act, where making the information available would be likely to prejudice the following:

- the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand [section 6(a)]; and

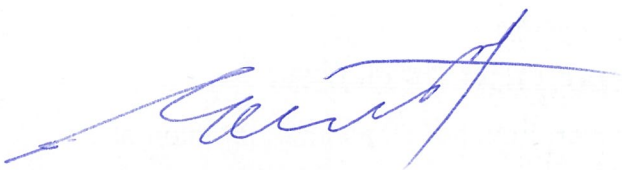
- the entrusting of information on the basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government; and any international organisation [sections 6(b)(i) and 6(b)(ii)].

Further information is withheld, in accordance with the following grounds of the Act, to:

- maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty [section 9(2)(g)(i)]; and
- maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being that protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials [section 9(2)(f)(iv)].

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

Yours sincerely



Richard Schmidt  
**Deputy Secretary, Defence Policy and Planning**

Enclosures:

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