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New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade WhatsApp messages with United States of America Department of State

[24/10/2025, 1:37:57 PM] ^{s6(a)} (US): Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. Only people in this chat can read, listen to, or share them.

[24/10/2025, 1:37:57 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Hi ^{s6(a)} it's Sarah from NZ embassy. Are you free for a quick chat now?

[24/10/2025, 2:23:46 PM] ^{s6(a)} (US): Voice call, 17 min

[24/10/2025, 2:58:33 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Can I just double check when you say principals only: It's just President Trump and Prime Minister Luxon?

[24/10/2025, 3:18:03 PM] ^{s6(a)} (US): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[24/10/2025, 3:19:44 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Thanks, that's what I thought. I was asked about ministers ^{s6(b)(i)} as they would have also been principals.

[24/10/2025, 3:21:42 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: And sorry follow up question- will there be an opportunity to do an advance recce for pull aside and dinner?

[24/10/2025, 3:22:32 PM] ^{s6(a)} (US): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[24/10/2025, 3:23:47 PM] ^{s6(a)} (US): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[24/10/2025, 3:24:44 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Yes. Our ministers had planned to be at bilateral with your president. But is the plan for your secretaries to be at the APEC AMM dinner?

[24/10/2025, 3:25:00 PM] ^{s6(a)} (US): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[24/10/2025, 3:25:25 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: I'll let our advance team know

[24/10/2025, 3:26:31 PM] ^{s6(a)} (US): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[24/10/2025, 3:27:55 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Ok no worries! I'll pass it on but please let me know if you get any updates on the questions from our discussion earlier

[24/10/2025, 3:31:40 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[24/10/2025, 3:40:10 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[24/10/2025, 3:43:42 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Yes I will have to confirm the names with Wellington.

[25/10/2025, 1:56:51 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Hi s6(a) thanks for call yesterday.

s6(b)(i)

It's triggered discussions today at high levels with US embassy here in Seoul and direct in Washington. s6(a), s6(b)(i)

I wanted to pass to you as well since we spoke yesterday so you knew this was happening. Happy to chat further if needed.

[25/10/2025, 2:03:22 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 8:42:18 AM] Sarah McDowell nz: Morning, I hear there have been ongoing discussions over weekend between our Ambassador and s6(a), as well as direct in Washington. I was wondering if there had been any updates in your planning since we last spoke.

[27/10/2025, 8:54:30 AM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 4:34:04 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Sorry me again (I'm being asked to provide an update to our PMs office), any updates on how those high level talks

mentioned are going?

[27/10/2025, 4:43:17 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 5:32:25 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 5:32:49 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 5:45:18 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Thanks for updates and sorry to keep coming back to you. Here are Callum's details - he is already in Gyeongju

[27/10/2025, 5:45:29 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Contact card omitted

[27/10/2025, 6:30:53 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 6:32:01 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 6:38:38 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Yes I have it as a framed photo with the measurements of: 37.5cm (width) x 39.8cm (height) and 3.2cm (depth). Or in inches: 14.7in x 15.7in x 1.3in

[27/10/2025, 6:54:30 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 6:59:23 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: I've been told it is of US troops training in NZ during WWII

[27/10/2025, 7:22:00 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 7:22:59 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Not confirmed yet sorry as it depends on outcomes of the discussions who will accompany.

[27/10/2025, 7:23:21 PM] s6(a) (US): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 8:22:18 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: I will pass that along to those liaising with PMs office

**FORMAL MESSAGE: EAST ASIA SUMMIT & APEC ECONOMIC LEADERS' WEEK:
REQUESTING PRIME MINISTER BILATERAL MEETINGS**

Dated 24 October 2025

SUMMARY – RĀPOPOTO

s6(a)

has advised the US is planning a pull aside between President Trump and Prime Minister Luxon on 29 October. It is envisaged that this would be a 15-minute meeting immediately prior to the dinner hosted by President Lee and would only be for the Prime Minister and President. She provided the following details:

6:10pm PM arrives at the Hilton Hotel, and is met by ^{s6(a)} who escorts the PM to Ballroom B/C (the holding room for leaders ahead of the dinner);

6:12pm PM escorted by ^{s6(a)} to the US Head of Protocol, who will then escort the PM into Ballroom A where President Trump will be waiting. The Head of Protocol will facilitate introductions between the Leaders.

The PM's "official photographer and official videographer" will be able to capture the meet and greet, but then will be escorted out of Ballroom A;

6:15pm The meeting between the PM and President Trump will take place (note: we have double checked and confirmed the intention is for only Prime Minister and Luxon and President Trump to be present, no officials, ministers, or notetakers. We understand this is a change from what we had previously expected);

6:30pm Meeting concludes; PM Luxon will then be escorted out of Ballroom A and taken back to Ballroom B/C where the other leaders attending the dinner hosted by President Lee will have begun to gather. President Lee and President Trump will then enter Ballroom B/C, and the dinner arrangements will commence.

8:00pm Dinner hosted by President Lee expected to conclude.

2. ^{s6(a)} also provided the following information:

- ^{s6(a)}

- The official photographer and official videographer do not need to arrive in advance, they are able to be in the motorcade with the Prime Minister.

- ^{s6(a)}

Grateful for confirmation of the names

that should be provided for this purpose.

- Korea is leading on the arrangements for the dinner, ^{s6(a)}

Her

expectation was that the accompanying photographer/videographer would have to return to the motorcade or depart the Hilton Hotel on foot, provided the security arrangements on the day permitted, given multiple motorcades would be moving around the proximity.

- SEL advised ^{s6(a)} of our plans for giving a framed photograph. The US had not been planning on a gift exchange, however has asked for details of the gift (including size) so this could be passed onto the US' protocol officer.

3. We have also been in contact with ^{s6(a)}

She confirmed that the US was not planning on announcing/publicizing this pull aside, nor were they planning for media to be present beyond the official photographer and official videographer. We noted that we similarly hadn't planned on issuing any announcements in advance, but that the Prime Minister is travelling with a media pool. We understood media were unlikely to be told about the meeting until shortly before, but they would be told at some point. She said she would check whether any public announcements were being planned for after the meeting, but that it would likely depend on what was discussed during the meeting.

4. We have also sought more information from Korea on current plans for the dinner to inform our planning. However, we are still waiting further updates.

Out of scope

HOHENGANG – ACTION

AMER/NAD/APEC POL:

- Please advise the exact measures of the framed photograph so that we can pass this along to the US in advance;
- Grateful for confirmation of the names that should be provided in advance to the US: ^{s6(a)}

MUTU – ENDS//

[25/10/2025, 12:17:02 PM] Sarah McDowell NZ: s6(a)

[25/10/2025, 12:23:11 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[25/10/2025, 12:23:53 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[25/10/2025, 12:24:33 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[25/10/2025, 12:35:01 PM] Sarah McDowell NZ: Ok thanks that's useful. We were doing a brainstorm so we can demonstrate we have done everything.

[25/10/2025, 12:35:39 PM] Sarah McDowell NZ: s6(a)

[25/10/2025, 1:14:46 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[26/10/2025, 5:03:56 PM] Sarah McDowell NZ: Hi s6(a) so sorry to message again. We have to send an update to PM team for when they get off plane in KL in about 2 hours. So I was wondering if there was any updates (or if any were likely today so I don't keep pestering you unnecessarily).

[26/10/2025, 5:06:36 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[26/10/2025, 5:16:49 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[26/10/2025, 5:17:04 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[26/10/2025, 5:17:45 PM] Sarah McDowell NZ: Ok thank you so much for checking in. I'll let Dawn know to help inform our update to PMs team.

[26/10/2025, 5:18:54 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[26/10/2025, 5:20:43 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Oh of course! Dawn said it was a friendly and open chat. Hope the transfer went smooth otherwise.

[26/10/2025, 5:21:11 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[26/10/2025, 5:29:22 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: s6(a)

[26/10/2025, 5:57:13 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[26/10/2025, 5:58:21 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[26/10/2025, 6:11:35 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: I haven't heard whether he's heard anything since yesterday but will check

[26/10/2025, 6:18:31 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: He apparently had nothing to report last night and won't be awake yet so not sure if there's been any developments

[26/10/2025, 7:05:45 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[26/10/2025, 7:09:35 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: I'll add it to my report as a prompt to Dan and Andrew <This message was edited>

[26/10/2025, 7:13:37 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 10:49:33 AM] Sarah McDowell nz: As foreshadowed last night, we are being asked for regular updates. Any news on your side?

[27/10/2025, 10:55:29 AM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[27/10/2025, 3:10:51 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Me again... Any updates?

[27/10/2025, 3:42:48 PM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[28/10/2025, 12:21:41 PM] Sarah McDowell nz: Hello, me again. (You must be sick of seeing my name pop up). I assume no news?

[28/10/2025, 2:39:12 PM] s6(a)

(USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

Out of scope

[29/10/2025, 7:41:06 AM] Sarah McDowell NZ: s6(a) reached out to Dawn this morning which confirmed that a pull aside was s6(a) possible. Thank you for your efforts and advice, it was really appreciated!

[29/10/2025, 7:48:37 AM] s6(a) (USA): s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[29/10/2025, 7:57:30 AM] Sarah McDowell NZ: Yes totally understand! s6(a) there will s6(a) be an opportunity to engage.

Please note: MFAT do not have a transcript of this call but the below is a summary of the topics of conversation. A telephone conversation limited to information about the best channels through which to communicate arrangements for the meeting between President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Christopher Luxon. Section 16(1)(e) of the OIA refers.

[25/10/2025, 08:30:32] ^{s6(a)} (USA): Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. Only people in this chat can read, listen to, or share them.

[25/10/2025, 08:30:32] Dawn Bennet: Hi ^{s6(a)} this is Dawn, NZ Ambassador. I know you are already talking to Sarah but can I give you a call too about our bilateral?

[25/10/2025, 08:47:24] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[25/10/2025, 08:47:44] ^{s6(a)} (USA): Voice call, 7 min

[25/10/2025, 08:55:50] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[25/10/2025, 08:56:38] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[25/10/2025, 08:57:01] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[25/10/2025, 08:57:12] Dawn Bennet: Got it. Many thanks ^{s6(a)}

[25/10/2025, 08:58:26] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[25/10/2025, 08:58:51] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[27/10/2025, 16:53:58] Dawn Bennet: Hi ^{s6(a)} .
^{s6(a)}

Any advice would be appreciated!
Thanks
Dawn

[27/10/2025, 18:17:43] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[27/10/2025, 18:19:44] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[27/10/2025, 18:20:06] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[27/10/2025, 18:21:31] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[27/10/2025, 18:21:47] **Dawn Bennet:** Thanks ^{s6(a)}

[27/10/2025, 18:21:50] **Dawn Bennet:** Much appreciated

[27/10/2025, 18:22:36] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[27/10/2025, 18:24:24] **Dawn Bennet:** Is the mobile still the best way to call him? I just tried but no answer. And he does not seem to have read my text message from this morning.

[27/10/2025, 18:25:20] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[27/10/2025, 18:26:09] **Dawn Bennet:** Ok I'll keep trying

[27/10/2025, 18:26:49] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[27/10/2025, 18:45:50] **Dawn Bennet:** Just had an exchange with ^{s6(a)} by text message. ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

We will see where we get to!

[27/10/2025, 18:46:09] **Dawn Bennet:** Thanks for your willingness to be harassed by us and your always-sage advice! <This message was edited>

[27/10/2025, 19:51:45] ^{s6(a)} (USA): ^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

[28/10/2025, 07:20:06] **Dawn Bennet:** Morning ^{s6(a)}

Sorry to start back on our favourite subject so early but NZ has been up for several hours ^{s6(a)}

I sent the below message to ^{s6(a)} just now. Hope it doesn't ruin his day!

If you happen to see him, it would be great if you could let him know the message is in his inbox.

Thanks!

Dawn

[28/10/2025, 07:20:10] **Dawn Bennet:** Morning ^{s6(a)} .

Sorry to start so early but do you have any news from Washington on our bilateral after their work day?

^{s6(a)}

s6(a)

Thanks
Dawn

[28/10/2025, 07:31:58] s6(a) **(USA):** Yes, I'll flag for him before he heads to the train station. If I hear that anything has changed, I will be in touch ASAP.

[28/10/2025, 07:45:25] **Dawn Bennet:** Thanks s6(a)

[28/10/2025, 07:46:12] **Dawn Bennet:** I am also heading to Gyeongju, on the 11:58 train. Will you be down there at all or are you running HQ from here?

[28/10/2025, 10:45:25] s6(a) **(USA):** s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[28/10/2025, 10:51:05] **Dawn Bennet:** Oh yes s6(a)

[29/10/2025, 07:42:42] **Dawn Bennet:** Hi s6(a). Just wanted to say thanks for your efforts on our behalf re our bilateral. s6(a) has let me know the schedule arrangements are fixed for today. I appreciated your responsiveness over the last few days s6(a)

Thanks and see
you back in Seoul!

[29/10/2025, 07:47:42] s6(a) **(USA):** s6(a), s6(b)(i)

[29/10/2025, 07:47:53] **Dawn Bennet:** Thanks. You too!

Out of scope

From: s6(a)
To: [OLLIVIER, Madeline \(ARD\)](#); [CORNELISSEN, Gemma \(ARD\)](#); [RILEY, John \(ARD\)](#); [CALMAN, Stuart \(DS AAG Office\)](#); [GIVEN, Tim \(AMER\)](#); [LINNELL, Adam \(AMER\)](#)
Cc: s6(a)
Subject: Re: [External] RE: Luxon dates at ASEAN [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, 24 October 2025 10:51:27 am

s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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From: OLLIVIER, Madeline (ARD) <Madeline.Ollivier@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 9:36 AM
To: s6(a) CORNELISSEN, Gemma (ARD)
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Cc: CALMAN, Stuart (DS AAG Office) <Stuart.Calman@mfat.govt.nz>; s6(a)

GIVEN, Tim (AMER)
<Tim.Given@mfat.govt.nz>; LINNELL, Adam (AMER) <Adam.Linnell@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: [External] RE: Luxon dates at ASEAN [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[UNCLASSIFIED]

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Kia ora^{s6(a)}

Thanks for reaching out.

We confirm Rt Hon Prime Minister Luxon will be the Head of Delegation for New Zealand at the ASEAN-related leader meetings in Kuala Lumpur. He will be accompanied by Hon Nicola Grigg, Minister of State for Trade and Investment.

Correct, we are working on the dates you've noted below, with arrival on the evening of 26th.

We would likewise welcome an indication of the travel dates for President Trump for these meetings and who may be accompanying.

Appreciate the well-wishes for our 50th!

Ngā mihi,

Maddie Ollivier | Senior Policy Officer, Asia Regional Division |^{s9(2)(a)}

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From:^{s6(a)}

Sent: Thursday, 23 October 2025 9:11 am

To: OLLIVIER, Madeline (ARD) <Madeline.Ollivier@mfat.govt.nz>; CORNELISSEN, Gemma (ARD) <Gemma.Cornelissen@mfat.govt.nz>; RILEY, John (ARD) <John.Riley@mfat.govt.nz>

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Subject: Luxon dates at ASEAN

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From: s6(a)
To: [MCDOWELL, Sarah \(SEL\)](#); s6(a)
Cc: [GILLESPIE, Andrew \(WSH\)](#); s6(a)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: [External] RE: New Zealand Question for WH Advance Team [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, 24 October 2025 5:16:32 pm
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s6(a), s6(b)(i)

From: s6(a)
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 1:14:16 PM
To: MCDOWELL, Sarah (SEL) <Sarah.McDowell@mfat.govt.nz>
Cc: GILLESPIE, Andrew (WSH) <Andrew.Gillespie@mfat.govt.nz>; s6(a)

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: [External] RE: New Zealand Question for WH Advance Team [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

s6(a), s6(b)(i)

From: MCDOWELL, Sarah (SEL) <Sarah.McDowell@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 9:19 PM
To: s6(a)
Cc: GILLESPIE, Andrew (WSH); s6(a)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: [External] RE: New Zealand Question for WH Advance Team [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi ^{s6(a)}

Lovely to meet you too! Thanks so much for this information, that is useful. I'll pass this along to colleagues at home.

I have some other questions relating to media – it would be great to have a call. My mobile number is ^{s9(2)(a)}

There are other logistics questions as well beyond just media, can I check who is the best contact for this? ^{s6(a)} has reached out asking for points of contacts for our various programmes, but its not clear if she is the best person for these questions.

Best wishes
Sarah

Sarah McDowell (she/her)

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From: ^{s6(a)}

Sent: Thursday, 23 October 2025 5:55 pm

To: MCDOWELL, Sarah (SEL) <Sarah.McDowell@mfat.govt.nz>

Cc: GILLESPIE, Andrew (WSH) <Andrew.Gillespie@mfat.govt.nz>; ^{s6(a)}

Subject: Re: [External] RE: New Zealand Question for WH Advance Team

^{s6(a)}, ^{s6(b)(i)}

s6(a), s6(b)(i)

From: s6(a)

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 10:08:44 PM

To: GILLESPIE, Andrew (WSH)

Cc: MCDOWELL, Sarah (SEL); s6(a)

Subject: Re: [External] RE: New Zealand Question for WH Advance Team

s6(a), s6(b)(i)

From: GILLESPIE, Andrew (WSH) <Andrew.Gillespie@mfat.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2025 5:22 AM

To: s6(a)

Cc: MCDOWELL, Sarah (SEL) <Sarah.McDowell@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: [External] RE: New Zealand Question for WH Advance Team

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks s6(a) and hi s6(a)

Another question for you: will the WH look to release any kind of statement following this meeting?

A

From: s6(a)

Sent: Tuesday, 21 October 2025 8:51 pm

To: s6(a)

Cc: GILLESPIE, Andrew (WSH) <Andrew.Gillespie@mfat.govt.nz>; MCDOWELL, Sarah (SEL) <Sarah.McDowell@mfat.govt.nz>

Subject: New Zealand Question for WH Advance Team

s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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From: s6(a)

Sent: Tuesday, 21 October 2025 7:11 pm

To: GILLESPIE, Andrew (WSH) <Andrew.Gillespie@mfat.govt.nz>

Cc: s6(a)

Subject: RE: PM-POTUS in ROK [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

From: GILLESPIE, Andrew (WSH) <Andrew.Gillespie@mfat.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 6:46 PM
To: s6(a)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: PM-POTUS in ROK [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s6(a)

At what point would the US be comfortable with us publicising the fact of the meeting?

A

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**New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade text messages with
United States of America Department of State**

Sat 25 Oct

Dawn Bennet 18:44

Hello ^{s6(a)} . This is Dawn Bennet, Ambassador of New Zealand to Korea. Welcome to Seoul!

Sorry to disturb you immediately on arrival but it would be great if I could have a quick chat with you about the planned bilateral meeting between your President and my Prime Minister.

^{s6(a)}

^{s6(a)}

21:48

^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

Dawn Bennet

Hi ^{s6(a)} Welcome to Seoul!

Sun 26 Oct

Dawn Bennet 19:02

Hi ^{s6(a)} . Great to talk last night. Hope you had at least a bit of rest today after your travel. Just touching base on the arrangements for our bilateral as discussed last night. Please let me know if I can help provide any more details or explanations of what we are hoping for. My PM is now in KL and as his travel has started his staff is looking closely at the rest of the trip and hounding me for details!

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^{s6(a), s6(b)(i)}

Mon 27 Oct

Dawn Bennet 05:54

Thanks ^{s6(a)} . Appreciate it.

Dawn Bennet 09:25

Morning ^{s6(a)} .

Sorry to harass you again after you obviously had a late night!

^{s6(a)}

Thanks
Dawn

s6(a) **18:30**
s6(a), s6(b)(i)

Dawn Bennet
I can imagine!

s6(a)
s6(a), s6(b)(i)

Dawn Bennet

Thanks^{s6(a)}

As I said on Saturday night, given the importance of the bilateral relationship to New Zealand and the region,^{s6(a)}

That

would help.

Please let me know if it would be easier to talk this through in a phone call.

Thanks!

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s6(a), s6(b)(i)

Dawn Bennet

Much appreciated

Tue 28 Oct

Dawn Bennet 07:18

Morning^{s6(a)} .

Sorry to start so early but do you have any news from Washington on our bilateral after their work day?

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Thanks
Dawn

s6(a) **14:47**
s6(a), s6(b)(i)

Dawn Bennet

Ok thanks^{s6(a)} Let me know when/if you hear something.

Dawn Bennet 19:58

Hi^{s6(a)} Just wondering if you had any news, as we head towards the end of the day
Out of scope

Wed 29 Oct

s6(a) **06:42**
s6(a), s6(b)
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Dawn Bennet

Ok thanks for letting me know.
And thanks for your efforts on our behalf!