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Ref: PMO OIA 756-2025-26

Dear Mohammed,

Official Information Act request: Prime Minister's diary

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 23 March 2026. You requested:

"According to Miriam Bell of the Australia Israel Review, after the event at Bondi Beach on 14 December last year, "Prime Minister Christopher Luxon met with Jewish community leaders privately the day after the attack, and then attended a vigil in Auckland". [https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://1.org.nz/the-aftermath-of-bondi-in-new-zealand/__;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!q_3-RNt53kGoDt0-cDIDY-_dsH4Xo9IGerPxJ_sTFWz_KoI8pFplQBWA90Az2UAm3Hh8nCKoN49Vb9rk36SaoPqjZVTvrcCe0P95qLqNT9la\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://1.org.nz/the-aftermath-of-bondi-in-new-zealand/__;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!q_3-RNt53kGoDt0-cDIDY-_dsH4Xo9IGerPxJ_sTFWz_KoI8pFplQBWA90Az2UAm3Hh8nCKoN49Vb9rk36SaoPqjZVTvrcCe0P95qLqNT9la$)

Luxon's diary release for December 2025 does not record this "[private meeting] with Jewish community leaders", only "REMARKS: Memorial Service for Bondi Attack and Chanukah Lighting", which one assumes references the "vigil".

- 1) Why was the secret meeting excluded from the ministerial diary?*
- 2) From taking office as Prime Minister on 27 November 2023 through to the end of February 2026 (the last diary released), how many other private meetings has Luxon held with Jewish community leader(s)/Israel lobbyists which were excluded from the public release of ministerial diaries as this one was?"*

On 15 December 2025 the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, travelled to Auckland for the purpose of attending the memorial service for the victims of the Bondi Attack and the lighting of the Chanukah. As is often the case when the Prime Minister goes to an event, he was approached by other attendees of the memorial who wanted to talk further with him.

This impromptu meeting with Jewish community leaders was not conducted in secret. It had not been scheduled in advance and therefore it was not reflected in the Prime Minister's Ministerial Diary. This is in keeping with the disclaimer that accompanies the proactive release of the Ministerial Diary on the Beehive website, parts of which I have included below:

'The information provided is for general informational purposes only. While we try to keep the information up-to-date and correct, there are no guarantees, express or implied, about the completeness, accuracy or reliability of this information. It may include meetings which were in the diary but did not eventuate or were placeholders and may not include unscheduled meetings.'

The Prime Minister's other meetings since taking office on 27 November 2023 are publicly available on the Beehive website: [Ministerial Diary | Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/ministerial-diary)

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely,

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

Cameron Burrows
Chief of Staff