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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your email of 10 July 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *all formal written briefings, reports, aides-memoire, notes, or presentations, produced on the following topics:*

- *United Kingdom National Cyber Force*
- *Digital Targeting Web*

The New Zealand Defence Force has not produced *formal written briefings, reports, aides-memoire, notes, or presentations* on the United Kingdom National Cyber Force or the Digital Targeting Web. Accordingly, this part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

Further, please supply all briefings provided for, and all reports arising from, all multilateral engagements under the Five Eyes Science and Technology MOU during May 2025.

There are 12 briefings and reports that are within scope of this part of your request. As regular monthly meetings concern the operations of small working groups and technical panels, these are withheld in full in accordance with the following sections of the OIA: section 6(a) as the release of the material would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand and the international relations of the Government of New Zealand; section 6(b)(i) to avoid prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or agency of such a Government; and, section 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

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Yours sincerely

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