

13 June 2025



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Our ref: OIA 2425-1119

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### Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 21 May 2025 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Could you please tell me the number of briefings/reports/formal advice docs you have sent to your minister(s) this year to date? I am only interested in documents that have a signature space, not any that were provided as fyi/didn't need to be signed. Could you also tell me how many of those sent this yr were signed by the minister? If you have more than one minister you provide advice to, please separate the numbers by minister.*

Please note that as the Ministerial warrant for the Ethnic Communities portfolio started on 24 January 2025, advice provided to the previous Minister prior to this has not been considered in this response.

In response to your request, I can inform you that from 24 January 2025 to 21 May 2025 there were 21 documents sent to the Minister that have included a space for a signature. Of which 19 documents have been signed. Due to the Minister's busy schedule, signatures on more recent advice were not yet returned by the date we received your request. Please refer to **Appendix A** for a full list of formal advice provided to the Minister in 2025.

As is required by section 9(1) of the OIA, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information under section 9 of the OIA are outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

Under section 28 of the OIA, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edward Firth', is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp.

Edward Firth

Director of Ministerial Services

## Appendix A – List of Advice Provided to the Minister in 2025

Reference Number	Type	Title/Topic	Date completed	Signed Copy
EC25-8989	Briefing	Lunar New Year 2025	03/02/2025	Yes
EC24-8970	Aide Memoire	Development of a New Carers' Strategy Action Plan	05/02/2025	Yes
EC25-9022	Briefing	Ethnic Service Providers	11/02/2025	Yes
EC25-8993	Briefing	MEC's Security and Resilience Project	12/02/2025	Yes
EC25-9020	Aide Memoire	<i>[title withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act]</i>	12/02/2025	Yes
EC25-9023	Briefing	Economic Growth Work Programme	12/02/2025	Yes
EC25-9031	Briefing	Language Assistance Services	17/02/2025	Yes
EC25-9046	Briefing	State of Nation Speech Programme	27/02/2025	Yes
EC25-9069	Aide Memoire	Plan for Engagement with Ethnic Communities This Year	05/03/2025	Yes
EC25-9088	Briefing	Budget 2025 Draft Documentation for Vote Internal Affairs	12/03/2025	Yes
EC25-9017	Aide Memoire	Meeting Request from Race Relations Commissioner	14/03/2025	Yes
EC25-9026	Aide Memoire	Meeting with NZ Chinese Language Week Trust	14/03/2025	Yes
EC25-9048	Aide Memoire	NZICA Gala Awards Night	20/03/2025	Yes
EC25-9062	Aide Memoire and Talking Points	Supporting material for meeting with ACOFI	24/03/2025	Yes
EC25-9067	Aide Memoire and Talking Points	Supporting material for meeting with ICONZ	24/03/2025	Yes
EC25-9063	Aide Memoire and Talking Points	Supporting material for meeting with NZ Multicultural and Wellington Multicultural NZ	25/03/2025	Yes
EC25-9066	Aide Memoire	Minister's Priorities for Ethnic Communities	27/03/2025	Yes
EC25-9078	Aide Memoire and Talking Points	Eid al-Fitr Celebration at Parliament 2025	28/03/2025	Yes



EC25-9134	Aide Memoire and Talking Points	Meeting with West Coast Multicultural Council	07/05/2025	No
EC25-9138	Aide Memoire	Supporting material for Minister's dinner with Muslim Future Leaders Participants	14/05/2025	No

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