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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

24 March 2026

## RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2026, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

*Under the Official Information Act, please supply a list of the following meetings held since 4 February 2025, including time, date, and location:*

- *Meetings between the MOD Policy Branch and MFAT International Security and Disarmament Division regarding AUKUS Pillar II.*
- *AUKUS Pillar Two Senior Officials Meetings.*
- *AUKUS Pillar II Technical Working Group Meetings.*
- *Meetings between the Director of the Defence Policy Branch and AUKUS member countries regarding AUKUS Pillar II.*

Please find the requested information below:

| <b><i>Meetings between the MOD Policy Branch and MFAT International Security and Disarmament Division regarding AUKUS Pillar II since 4 February 2025</i></b> |             |                 |
|---|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
| 4 February 2025   | 1230-1330   | Wellington      |
| 14 February 2025  | 1430-1515   | Wellington      |
| 30 May 2025   | 1000-1030   | Wellington      |

***AUKUS Pillar Two Senior Officials Meetings since 4 February 2025***

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 8 May 2025   | 1400-1530   | Wellington      |
| 24 July 2025 | 1400-1530   | Wellington      |

***AUKUS Pillar II Technical Working Group Meetings since 4 February 2025***

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 3 April 2025   | 0900-1030   | Wellington      |
| 16 April 2025  | 1330-1500   | Wellington      |
| 9 July 2025    | 1330-1630   | Wellington      |
| 22 August 2025 | 1300-1400   | Wellington      |
| 6 October 2025 | 1400-1500   | Wellington      |

***Meetings between the Director of the Defence Policy Branch and AUKUS member countries regarding AUKUS Pillar II since 4 February 2025.***

| <b>Date</b>      | <b>Time</b> | <b>Meeting</b>   | <b>Location</b> |
|------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| 19 – 20 May 2025 | 2-day event | AUKUS Pillar II Visit – Ministry of Defence, New Zealand Defence Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade meetings with Australian Department of Defence, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Prime Minister and Cabinet. | Canberra        |

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

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy Secretary Policy and Planning**