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Tēnā koe Tessa

I refer to your request received on Wednesday 13 March 2024, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

Email correspondence between the Minister's Office and the Ministry regarding the *Signs of a Nation* Te Papa exhibition and the protest activity relating to it between 9 December 2023 and 13 March 2024.

## Information being released
Please find enclosed the following documents:

| Appendix | Document Description |
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| Appendix One | All Email Correspondence |
| Appendix Two | Combined ACH Reports in scope - Excerpts |

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons and section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.

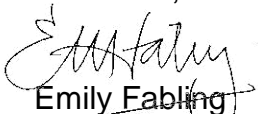Some information has been deleted where it is not within the scope of your request.

## Information being withheld
There are two draft letters covered by your request which I have decided to withhold in full under 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions. Where these draft letters have been withheld from Appendix One, I have included the final letters instead.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA. I do not consider that these considerations outweigh the need to withhold the information.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA@mch.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available via www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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