



## Prime Minister

Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage

Minister for Child Poverty Reduction

Minister for National Security & Intelligence

05 AUG 2019

Mr Depree  
fyi-request-10486-40c9851a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: PMO 140-2019

Dear Mr Depree

### **Official Information Act request for the Prime Minister's emails with Ministers, NZ Police and the President of the NZ Police Association relating to the mosques attack of 15 March 2019**

Thank you for your emails of 7 and 19 June 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I note that on 19 June 2019, we transferred your original request of 7 June 2019 to the Minister of Police, Hon Stuart Nash. On 19 June 2019, you replied:

*Thank you for the response I have an OIA already with Nash - I want to see the communication between Jacinda and her ministers and police in regards to the firearms incident on March the 15th,*

*So specifically:*

- 1. emails received from NZ police to Jacinda Adern*
- 2. emails received from Chris Cahill to Jacinda Adern*
- 3. Emails sent from Jacinda Adern to Ministers related to the incident*
- 4. Emails sent from Jacinda Adern to Chris Cahill*
- 5. Emails sent from Jacinda Adern to NZ POLICE*

### **Emails with the President of the NZ Police Association**

In response to points two and four of your request, we have identified the attached email correspondence as being in scope of your request. I have decided to release this correspondence subject to some information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of individuals.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

## **Emails with NZ Police and Ministers related to the incident of 15 March 2019**

With regards to questions one, three, and five of your request, no emails within the scope of your request have been identified. Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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 blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Raj Nahna**  
**Chief of Staff**

**From:** s9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz on behalf of Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern <Jacinda.Ardern@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 March 2019 10:28 AM  
**To:** 'Chris Cahill'  
**Subject:** RE: Police Association- Firearms Reform

Kia ora Chris

I am writing to thank you for your email to the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern. I will pass on the Association's views on proposed changes to gun laws. Best wishes and thank you for taking the time to write about this.

s9(2)(a)

Office of the Prime Minister

Authorised by Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern MP, Parliament Buildings Wellington 6012

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**From:** Chris Cahill s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 March 2019 3:51 PM  
**To:** Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern  
**Subject:** Police Association- Firearms Reform



**NEW ZEALAND  
POLICE ASSOCIATION**

25 March, 2019

Kia ora Jacinda

On behalf of the New Zealand Police Association, I wish to congratulate you for committing to make New Zealand safer by supporting meaningful changes to our firearms laws.

There is no doubt that our country has been shocked by the enormity of the harm caused by one person amassing, and using firearms that could be (albeit illegally) modified to kill so many innocent people.

As Cashmere High School Head Boy, Okirano Tilaia, so aptly noted at the weekend, "we can't change the beginning, but we can change the ending".

In the spirit of such hope for the future safety of New Zealanders, I am asking you to please pledge your commitment for the following three changes the Association considers essential for a safer firearms environment:

- 1) **Full implementation of the 2017 Select Committee recommendations;**
- 2) **The establishment of a national firearms registry; and**
- 3) **A full review of the Arms Act 1983 as recommended by the Thorp Inquiry, with the new systems to be in place by 31 March 2020.**

I hope you are able to respond to this letter in a timely fashion, as it is important for me to be able to convey to our 11,500 members that they enjoy the support of their elected representatives.

For our members, any genuine changes to make all New Zealanders safe also have a tangible impact on officers' front line duties to keep us all safe.

Please reply to [president@policeassociation.org.nz](mailto:president@policeassociation.org.nz)

Ngā mihi nui



**President**  
**New Zealand Police Association, Te Aka Hāpai**

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