

# Hon Kelvin Davis

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Mr Harry Robson

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Tēna koe Mr Robson

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (the Act) dated 18 September 2019. As you are aware part of your request was transferred to me from the Prime Minister on 24 September 2019 as I have ministerial responsibility for the information.

You requested the following:

- (1) *How many meetings have the PM and Cabinet had with theistic leaders and theistic organisations since October 2017?*
  - (A) *which leaders and organisations have been met with?*  
*how many times were said leaders and organisations met with?*
  - (B) *How long were these said meetings?*
  - (C) *What was discussed during said meetings?*
  - (D) *Did said meetings impact on any governmental action (including policy and legislation)?*
- (2) *Has the PM or members of Cabinet ever met with the "The Family and International Foundation" (USA) or communicated with them, in any capacity (including indirectly)?*
  - (A) *How long were these said meetings? Who was involved in and with them?*
  - (B) *What was discussed during said meetings?*

I respond to each of your questions as follows:

## **Question (1) A to D**

I have had six (6) meetings with theistic organisations:

- Ratana Church Members, Prime Minister, Adrian Rurawhe from 4.45pm to 5.30pm, 18 December 2017 to discuss Ratana Day
- Ratana Church Members all day, 24 January 2018 to attend Ratana Day powhiri
- Ratana Church Members & Minister Mahuta & Peeni, Adrian Rurawhe, Rino Tirikatene & Lance Rapana from 11.00am to 11.40am, 14 June 2018 to discuss their 100 year centennial
- Ratana Church Members all day, 24 January 2019 to attend Ratana Day powhiri
- North Shore Islamic Centre from 5.00pm to 6.30pm, 22 March 2019 Ministerial Speech after 15 March Mosque Attack
- Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ) Phone Call from 1.15pm-1.30pm, 15 August 2019 with Minister Salesa

None of these meetings resulted in policy and legislative action.

**Question (2) A to B**

I have never met with the “The Family and International Foundation” (USA) or communicated with them, in any capacity (including indirectly). Therefore, I am refusing this part of your OIA under Section 18e of the Act as the information does not exist.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in Section 9(1) of the Act. 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 at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelvin Davis', written in a cursive style.

**Hon Kelvin Davis**