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Dear Ms Davenport

Official Information Act (1982) request 2021-0163

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request of 12 September 2020. On 23 September we extended the time available to respond to your request due to the large quantity of information involved and the consultations required.

You have asked for:

1. All information held by the National Library of New Zealand, and Department of Internal Affairs relating to the proposal to cull the books [from the Overseas Published Collections], and the decision-making process undertaken by the National Library
2. Confirmation of the cost of the PR exercise including the payment of any invoices to Double Denim agency
3. Copy of any/all costs and benefit analysis undertaken by the National Library of New Zealand on the costs of holding the books, and prior to the decision being made by the National Librarian
4. Any reports, file notes, meeting records or emails between National Library of New Zealand (including from and to the National Librarian but not limited to the National Librarian) Department of Internal Affairs/Minister/Double Denim Agency and with any relevant Minister including Tracey Martin, or any other relevant Minister, demonstrating how the decision was made and what the information was based on
5. Copies of any sign-off of the proposal and the timeframe for the cull
6. A list of all books removed, or to be removed from the Library, and a list of where these books have been removed to
7. A list of any books removed or destroyed

In response to parts of items 1-4 of your request the documents listed in the table below have been provided to you:

List of documents provided in response to OIA 2021-0163
Business case – Wairere House Exit Project
Memo – Wairere House Exit Plan
Project Plan – Wairere House Exit Plan
Email conversation between staff – 1

List of documents provided in response to OIA 2021-0163

Email conversation between staff – 2

Information relating to Double Denim – Attachment A

Information relating to Double Denim – Attachment B

Information relating to Double Denim – Attachment C

Expressions of Interest from Libraries – Attachments

Expressions of Interest from Libraries – Redacted

OPC for next lists (not checked)

Some material is out of scope for the request, or has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- s9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- s9(2)(b)(ii) to avoid unreasonably prejudicing the commercial position of the person who supplied the information
- s9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinions by or between officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty; and
- s9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

In response to part of item 4, and items 5-7, I am declining your request under section 18(d) of the Act as that information is contained in the Department of Internal Affairs briefing for Minister Tracey Martin *Management of the National Library's Overseas Published Collections* from December 2018 and can be found at the following link:

<https://www.dia.govt.nz/Proactive-Releases#IA> .

In response to part of item 6, I am declining your request under section 18(d) of the Act as that information can be found on the National Library website and through the links provided in Appendix A.

You have a right to seek a review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information on how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz .

Yours sincerely



Bill Macnaught
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National Library of New Zealand

Appendix A

Available book lists:

- [Arts and recreation — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 1.45MB\)](#)
- [History and geography — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 1.20MB\)](#)
- [Literature — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 1.10MB\)](#)
- [Technology — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 2.9MB\)](#)
- [Unclassified non-fiction — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 1.25MB\)](#)

The book lists below are provided for information only as expressions of interest have closed for these books.

- [Computer science, information and general-works — overseas published collections \(pdf, 2MB\)](#)
- [Duplicates in the overseas published collections \(pdf, 765KB\)](#)
- [Fiction titles \(pdf, 5MB\)](#)
- [Philosophy and psychology — overseas published collections \(pdf, 1.25MB\)](#)
- [Religion — overseas published collections \(pdf, 1MB\)](#)
- [Social science — overseas published collections \(pdf, 2.85MB\)](#)
- [Computer science, information and general-works — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 745KB\)](#)
- [Language — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 225KB\)](#)
- [Philosophy and psychology — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 670KB\)](#)
- [Religion — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 930KB\)](#)
- [Science — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 930KB\)](#)
- [Social science — overseas published collections \(Whanganui store\) \(pdf, 4.70MB\)](#)

Books from the book lists below have been provided to Lions and Rotary.

- [Computer science, information and general-works — overseas published collections \(pdf, 2MB\)](#)
- [Philosophy and psychology — overseas published collections \(pdf, 1.25MB\)](#)
- [Religion — overseas published collections \(pdf, 1MB\)](#)
- [Social science — overseas published collections \(pdf, 4.70MB\)](#)