Israel Institute of New Zealand

From: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @israelinstitute.nz>

Sent: Friday, 16 September 2022 1:40 pm

To: Meng Foon <mengf@hrc.co.nz>; Paul Hunt <paulh@hrc.co.nz>; Media <media@hrc.co.nz>

Subject: Seeking comment on NZ continuing to fund hate

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Dear Commissioners,

Following our previous correspondence on this issue, Foreign Minister Mahuta has just announced on Twitter that NZ will be providing \$3m over 3 years to UNRWA. There are apparently no conditions on this money.

The announcement comes only days after the US House of Foreign Affairs Committee unanimously supported the Peace and Tolerance in Palestinian Education Act, which draws attention to the glorification to terror and hate taught in UNRWA schools; and weeks after the EU Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee repeatedly challenged UNRWA chief Lazzarini on continued teaching of hate, violence and antisemitism. EU members criticised UNRWA over what they called "truly horrific" new self-produced hate materials.

Do you have any comment on New Zealand tax money continuing to be given to an organisation that glorifies terror and teaches antisemitism?

Sincerely, s9(2)(a) - Privacy

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New Zealand Jewish Council

From: Meng Foon

Sent: Wednesday, 14 September 2022 4:21 pm

To: Meng Foon; Paul Hunt; S9(2)(a) - Privacy; chair@holocaustcentre.org.nz; s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hotmail.com; s9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz;

s9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz; ceo@holocaustcentre.org.nz;

@actrix.co.nz

Cc: s9(2)(a) - Privacy , s9(2)

@gmail.com

Subject: Meeting | New Zealand Jewish Council, Holocaust Centre of New Zealand and HRC When: Wednesday, 21 September 2022 2:30 pm-3:30 pm (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington. Where: Human Rights Commission (Level 1/10 Brandon Street, Wellington Central, Wellington

6011); WLG - Tino Rangatiratanga - 14-30 people

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Paul Hunt Chief Commissioner HRC

\$9(2)(a) - Privacy Senior Human Rights Advisor to the Chief Commissioner HRC

Meng Foon Race Relations Commissioner HRC

s9(2)(a) - Privacy Advisor to the Race Relations Commissioner HRC

From: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 1 September 2022 8:07 am

To: @hrc.co.nz>

Cc: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy@hrc.co.nz>

Subject: Re: From the Jewish Council and Holocaust Centre

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Please see below a list of attendees for the Wednesday 21 September meeting with Paul Hunt and Meng Foon.

Please let me know if you need any further information about the attendees, the New Zealand Jewish Council or the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand.

Kind regards,

Name Representing Email

Chair HCNZ chair@holocaustcentre.org.nz

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CEO HCNZ ceo@holocaustcentre.org.nz

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From: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

Sent: Monday, 8 August 2022 8:35 pm

To: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>

cc: s9(2)(a) - Privacy@hrc.co.nz>

Subject: Re: From the Jewish Council and Holocaust Centre

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Kia ora

Thank you for your email. That is great news. I think 2.30pm would work perfectly. I will confirm and come back to you with a list of attendees and their email addresses. Many thanks,

From: s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, 8 August 2022 11:26 am

To: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

Cc: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy@hrc.co.nz>

Subject: FW: From the Jewish Council and Holocaust Centre

Kia ora

Thank you for sending through the meeting request.

By way of introduction, my name is Meng's EA. Following on from Meng's email below, we can confirm that Meng and Paul are both available on the suggested date, Wednesday 21 September, and we are happy to host at our offices. A couple of their respective advisors will join the meeting as well – we will confirm their details later.

May I know if 2:30pm would be suitable? If so, I can circulate a meeting invite if you could please share an attendance list (with emails) with me?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



From: Meng Foon < MengF@hrc.co.nz > Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:29 AM

To: S9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>; Paul Hunt <paulh@hrc.co.nz>

Cc: s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>; s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>

Subject: Re: From the Jewish Council and Holocaust Centre

Morena shalom from the Uk visiting grandchildren Thanks for your request for a meeting I will ask our PA to organise for us

Kia Ora Meng

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From: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:00:02 AM

To: Meng Foon < MengF@hrc.co.nz >; Paul Hunt < paulh@hrc.co.nz >

Subject: From the Jewish Council and Holocaust Centre

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Kia ora Mr Hunt and Mr Foon,

Hope you have both had a lovely weekend. Please see attached a letter from New Zealand Jewish Council president $\frac{89(2)(a)}{(a)}$ - Privacy and Holocaust Centre of New Zealand chair $\frac{89(2)(a)}{(a)}$, requesting a meeting next month.

I can be the point of contact for you or you staff for any correspondence and arrangements. My number is \$\frac{59(2)(a) - Privacy}{2}\$. Kindest regards,

s9(2)(a) - Privacy





7 August 2022

Shalom Paul and Meng,

The end of the Jewish year is approaching. In the Jewish culture, Rosh Hashanah is a time to take stock, reflect and look ahead to the coming year.

The Jewish community would like to thank you for your ongoing support, particularly earlier this year when we released the Antisemitism in New Zealand 2021 survey.

The past year has brought the Jewish community both challenges and success. As you're both aware, the rise in pandemic-fuelled antisemitism, particularly on the forecourt of Parliament during the protests earlier this year, has been confronting.

We believe the antidote to this antisemitism, which often takes the form of imported conspiracy theories, is through Holocaust education. That's why we were pleased the Government last month joined the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) as an Observer nation. New Zealand now sits alongside 44 other full or observer nations at the Berlin-based inter-governmental organisation including most of Europe, Australia, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The New Zealand Jewish Council and the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand believe IHRA can help combat racism for all Aotearoa New Zealand's faith and ethnic communities, and help build social cohesion.

Representatives from both organisations would like to meet with you, and any other relevant people from the Human Rights Commission to discuss this further.

Would it be possible to please meet with you, and any other people at the Commission you think might be interested, mid-afternoon on Wednesday September 21? There will be several Auckland-based representatives from both the Jewish Council and the Holocaust Centre in Wellington that day. As that week is the eve of our month of high holidays, it is an auspicious time for our community leaders to meet with you.

We hope a meeting is possible and look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

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President Chair

New Zealand Jewish Council Inc. Holocaust Centre of New Zealand

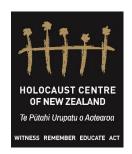
From: operations@holocaustcentre.org.nz < operations@holocaustcentre.org.nz >

Sent: Monday, 4 July 2022 2:42 pm

To: paulh@hrc.co.nz

Subject: NZ joins the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) as an observer nation





4 July 2022

Shalom Prof Paul Hunt

We are writing to you on behalf of the New Zealand Jewish Council and the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand to share some good news for our community.

<u>New Zealand joined</u> the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) as an observer nation late last month. New Zealand now sits alongside 44 other full or observer nations at the Berlin-based <u>inter-governmental organisation</u> including most of Europe, Australia, the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

As you're aware, the New Zealand Jewish community has faced increasing antisemitism in recent years, as have many of our fellow Jewish communities around the world.

As seen on the forecourt of Parliament earlier this year, the Covid-19 pandemic has given momentum to dangerous international conspiracy theories about Jewish people. There has also been a concerning growth in Holocaust distortion including people wearing yellow stars to oppose vaccine mandates and accusations the Government is acting like the Nazi regime.

IHRA's mission is to combat rising anti-Jewish sentiment through Holocaust education, research, and remembrance. Joining IHRA will help fight racism not only against New Zealand's Jewish community but against all its ethnic peoples.

That's because learning about the Holocaust teaches our young people and future leaders to look at one another with humanity and kindness. The Holocaust shows us how hate can start small and that we all have a responsibility to counter it.

In fact, the United Nations' <u>Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief found</u> antisemitism left to fester poses risks not only to Jewish communities, but also to members of other minority communities.

The New Zealand Jewish Council and the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand look forward to working closely with government agencies including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education to maximise the benefits IHRA membership can bring about in New Zealand for all its communities.

If you'd like to know more about New Zealand joining IHRA, please click on the links in this email or visit the Alliance's website at: https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/. A story by Radio NZ on this can be found here.. We are also happy to discuss this with you at any time, so if you would like to, please reach out.



From: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz> Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2022 2:12 pm

To: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @actrix.co.nz>; \$9(2)(a) - Privacy

@newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

Cc: s9(2)(a) - Privacy@hrc.co.nz>; s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz> Subject: RE: Seeking clarification Kia ora Oh I'm so sorry to hear that I hope you are feeling better soon. As so often happens, Meng's diary for Friday afternoon has changed since I emailed you earlier and he will now be on a flight that afternoon. Shall we reschedule to Monday instead? We could do: 11-11.30am 11.30-12pm Anytime between 1-3pm Meng has suggested half an hour. Also, the meeting would be online as Meng will be in Gisborne so that would save you a trip into the city. That being said, I'm sure those who are in the office would be very happy to host you. Nga mihi From: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @actrix.co.nz> **Sent:** Tuesday, 17 May 2022 2:03 pm To: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy@hrc.co.nz>; @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz> Privacy@hrc.co.nz>; s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz> Subject: Re: Seeking clarification for not replying sooner has been struck by Covid, Apologies, and I will try to come to your office on my own between 3 and 4.30pm on Friday 20 May, but will confirm on the day before. On 17/05/22 12:50 pm, wrote: Kia ora and Just following up on my email, below, understandably today will no longer suit but perhaps Friday does? Nga mihi From: Sent: Friday, 13 May 2022 11:49 am To: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @actrix.co.nz>;

@newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

Cc: s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Seeking clarification

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Due to Paul's schedule, he will be unable to meet with you but Meng is very happy to along with:

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= 9(2)(a) - Privacy — Human Rights Communications Manager

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I have limited availability, but I would like to set up a time for next week if possible! Options are as follows:

Tuesday 17 May – 8.30-9am or 4pm-4.30pm Friday 20 May – 8.30-9am and anytime between 3-4.30pm

Please let me know when suits you and I will send through a meeting invite with a Teams link.

Nga mihi





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From: S9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 12 May 2022 4:26 pm

To: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @actrix.co.nz>; \$9(2)(a) - Privacy

@newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

Cc: s9(2)(a) - Privacy@hrc.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Seeking clarification

Kia ora and

I just wanted to let you know I will be in touch in the morning with some suggested meeting times. This will likely be virtual, and hopefully mid-next week.

Nga mihi





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From: Paul Hunt <paulh@hrc.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 12 May 2022 8:01 am

To: Meng Foon < MengF@hrc.co.nz >; \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @actrix.co.nz >; \$9(2)(a) - Privacy



@hrc.co.nz>; s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>; s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>; s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz> Subject: RE: Seeking clarification
Mōrena and Thanks a lot for putting us in the picture. Yes, it'ld be good to have a chat. Of course, Meng leads this work for us I'll join the discussion if diaries permit. Thank you again. Have a good day. Ngā mihi, Paul
From: Meng Foon < MengF@hrc.co.nz > Sent: Wednesday, 11 May 2022 5:47 PM To: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @actrix.co.nz >; \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz >; \$9(2)(a) - Privacy
Shalom thanks for the opportunity to have a chat
Our PAs will find a mutual time for us all Greatly appreciated
Meng
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From: S9(2)(a) - Privacy @actrix.co.nz> Sent: Wednesday, 11 May 2022 5:06 pm To: Meng Foon <mengf@hrc.co.nz> Cc: Paul Hunt <paulh@hrc.co.nz> Subject: Re: Fwd: Seeking clarification</paulh@hrc.co.nz></mengf@hrc.co.nz>
Tēnā koe Meng
About the email to you and Paul Hunt from sequences, which you sent last night for our information – recently resigned from all his positions in the Jewish community, so no longer represents the NZ Jewish Council. We don't know what group or publication he refers to.
Would you like us to discuss this with or help in some way, perhaps discussing with you and Paul before speaking with
Kia ora
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s9(2)(a) - Privacy New Zealand Jewish Council

From: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz> Sent: Sunday, 27 February 2022 6:41 pm To: Paul Hunt <paulh@hrc.co.nz> cc: s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>; s9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz>; (a) - Privacy @hrc.co.nz> @hrc.co.nz>; **Subject:** Re: An article supporting your approach Thanks Paul - I understood what you meant! I had a letter from Meng on Friday and it has been circulated around the community. Much appreciated. I think your idea is good and , whom you know, should be your first point of contact. s9(2)(a) Ngā mihi Sent from my iPhone On 27/02/2022, at 10:08, Paul Hunt paulh@hrc.co.nz> wrote: When I wrote below "so I cannot make any promises", I meant I cannot make any promises about positive engagement with the protest leaders because things are so fluid and unpredictable among the protesters outside Parliament. Of course I can make all manner of other promises, for example, the promise to listen to the Jewish and other impacted communities and to do whatever I can to support. Mauri ora, Paul From: Paul Hunt

Sent: Sunday, 27 February 2022 8:26 AM

To: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

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@hrc.co.nz>; \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @hrc
Subject: RE: An article supporting your approach

Shalom thank you very much indeed for your message and the article.

On Friday I asked my colleagues to reach out to some communities who are impacted by the racism and extremism of (some of) the protesters – and this idea chimes with the last sentence of Dane's article, where he encourages me "to facilitate many such discussions in future, ideally with representatives from some of the targets of racism at the table."

unless you advise otherwise, I wld like – for starters - to swiftly reach out to Wellington's Jewish community and invite them to informally talk with me/HRC about the protests and the antisemitism and extremism, and get their thoughts and ideas for what might be done. If you think that's a good idea, who do you think I might email in the Wellington Jewish community about the possibility of initially discussing these matters? Thanks for any counsel.

HRC cannot do much, we are seriously stretched, but I wld like to reach out a hand, if possible.

Also, I have a respectful relationship with some (*not all*) protest leaders, and protesters, but the situation outside Parliament is extremely fluid and unpredictable, so I cannot make any promises. Anyhow, have a good day and thanks again.

Mauri ora, Paul

From: \$9(2)(a) - Privacy @newzealandjewishcouncil.nz>

Sent: Saturday, 26 February 2022 10:53 AM

To: Paul Hunt < paulh@hrc.co.nz >

Subject: An article supporting your approach

https://theplatform.kiwi/opinions/the-human-rights-commission-have-decided-to-actually-dotheir-job?fbclid=lwAR0EYRC_JuEHIKu3UbCkFjteQJQTsStZPPePAbQEFVq8i-UZpY4EhiUnKh4

I thought you might be interested in this too Paul. It's interesting that - despite the antisemitism present at the protests - almost all the Jewish people I have heard from agree with engaging with the protestors and seeking to understand what is driving them.



Sent from my iPhone

Community Security Group

From: CSG <reports@csg.org.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 30 March 2022 8:14 pm

To: paulh@hrc.co.nz

Subject: NZ Jewish Community Security Bulletin

Dear Prof Hunt,

Please find attached a CSG bulletin.

Regards, CSG

0800-2825-274

From: CSG @csg.org.nz> Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2022 10:09 am

To: paulh@hrc.co.nz

Subject: NZ Jewish Community Security Monthly Report - February

Dear Prof Hunt,

Please find attached the CSG Monthly Report for February.

Regards,



CSG @csg.org.nz> From:

Sent: Wednesday, 23 February 2022 3:52 pm

To: paulh@hrc.co.nz

Subject: NZ Jewish Community Security Bulletin

Dear Prof Hunt,

Please find attached a CSG bulletin.

Regards,



CSG

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