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Tēnā koe Luke Webster

Official Information Act request relating to text messages sent to Marama Davidson

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 29 March 2023. You requested:

"I reference your comments to media (in particular Newstalk ZB) on Tuesday 28th March. In these comments you refer to a text message conversation with the Minister Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence.

I request a copy of these text messages."

I can advise that the Prime Minister texted Marama Davidson on 25 March 2023 to check on her wellbeing following the motorcycle incident. Additionally, Marama Davidson texted the Prime Minister on 28 March 2023 to apologise for any impact her statement on Saturday 25 March 2023 might have had on the workload of him or his staff, following a phone call that morning. She noted that she would make it clear that those were not the words she would normally ever use. The Prime Minister responded at 8:55am thanking her. He also noted the circumstances in which the statement was made.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PP. H. D.' followed by a large, stylized flourish.

Andrew Kirton
Chief of Staff