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Aaron Cross

By email: fyi-request-22378-0cdf41e7@requests.fyi.org.nz

10th May, 2023

Dear Aaron,

Re: Request under the Official Information Act 1982

I note your email of 4 April 2023, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the Official Information Act, please can you provide copies of All written correspondence, and details of the nature and substance of any other communication, since the Robertson Review was completed (30/07/2021) between any member of the Racing Minister's office and the following organisations or individuals:

*Thompson Lewis
Capital Government Relations
Saunders Unsworth
Draper Cormack Group
Cosgrove & Partners
Anacta Consulting
Awhi Group
TAB New Zealand
Go Bloodstock NZ
Sir Owen Glenn
SkyCity Casino*

My proactive diary release addresses part of this request and is available through the Beehive Website. I have asked my staff to review their engagement with any of the entities listed above and there were no meetings or engagements beyond the information that is detailed below.

On 20 September 2022 a representative of Anacta contacted my Senior Private Secretary seeking to arrange a meeting on behalf the TAB. This meeting was arranged, however, given the significance of the TAB to the Racing Portfolio I have since moved a monthly reoccurrence, ceasing the need for any facilitation by Anacta.

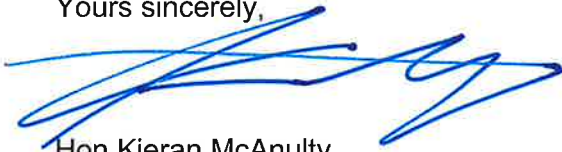
My correspondence with the TAB is subject to active consideration of matters unrelated to the Robertson Review and Greyhound Racing and as such this information will be proactively released following the announcements of these forthcoming decisions.

On 30 September 2022 my Senior Private Secretary received a meeting request from a representative of Thomson Lewis seeking to arrange a meeting with Michael Ahearne of Sky City. This request was declined.

On 31 October 2022 my Ministerial Advisor was contacted by a representative of Thomson Lewis seeking a discussion on Government gambling policy on behalf of Sky City. This request was declined and referred to the Minister of Internal Affairs' Office.

You have the right to seek a review of my decision making on this request made under the Official Information Act by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Kieran McNulty
Minister for Racing