

George Bignell

From: Stephen Parker
Sent: Friday, 5 May 2023 4:33 PM
To: Paul Thompson
Cc: George Bignell; Glen Scanlon
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] - RE: Minister Kiritapu

Hi Paul,

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Regards Stephen.

From: Stephen Parker <Stephen.Parker@rnz.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 5 May 2023 4:30 PM
To: Sophie Cornish <Sophie.Cornish@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] - RE: Minister Kiritapu

Thank you Sophie - much appreciated.

From: Sophie Cornish <Sophie.Cornish@parliament.govt.nz>
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To: Stephen Parker <Stephen.Parker@rnz.co.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - RE: Minister Kiritapu

Hi Stephen,

Thanks for your email. Minister Allan wants me to pass on she is happy for the full transcript of her speech to be released by RNZ, noting it would be appropriate to redact any names of others (other than Māni) for their privacy.

Kind regards,

Sophie

Sophie Cornish (she/her) | Press Secretary

Office of Hon Kiri Allan

Minister of Justice | Minister for Regional Development | Associate Minister of Transport

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Subject: Fw: Minister Kiritapu

Hi Sophie,

Thanks for taking the call. Please find a note attached. I was going to send it to Ben but discovered he was on leave.

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Regards Stephen.

From: Stephen Parker <Stephen.Parker@rnz.co.nz>

Sent: Friday, 5 May 2023 8:13 AM

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Kia ora Ben,

Hope you are keeping well and would appreciate if you could pass this on to the Minister.

On 31 March RNZ hosted a farewell event for Māni Dunlop. Attending were RNZ staff, members of Ms Dunlop's whanau, and Ms Dunlop's partner, the Hon Kiritapu Allan.

RNZ received a number of OIA requests for details of all speeches and comments made during the farewell. We are contacting the Minister as an interested party to advise of how RNZ intends to meet its OIA obligations.

After careful consideration, RNZ is withholding under privacy grounds all the personal stories, tributes, and kōrero from those who spoke that evening. However, RNZ has concluded the public interest criteria requires it to release a transcript of the comments made by the Minister which were specific to RNZ.

This was intended to be a private farewell, and people attending were aware that the floor was open to all who wanted to share their views. For this reason the majority of information is being withheld on privacy grounds.

However, there are two comments in Minister Allan's speech which are captured by public interest considerations under the OIA. All the more so give the Hon Allan's status as a Minister of the Crown. RNZ weighed up these considerations carefully in light of OIA obligations. Please see below the specific sentences due for release.

As mentioned, the remainder of the speech, and the video and audio recording of the event will be withheld on privacy grounds. It is our intention to proceed with the OIA release next week.

Regards Stephen.

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“There is something within this organisation that has to be looked at. Now I know that you said that you would pick up that, the wero, that Māni left. It is not for just you, it is for your SLT to pick up. It's for your SLT to pick up. It's for your boards to pick up. That there is something within the organisation that will not, and has not been able to keep Māori talent and that is a question that I think deserves some deep reflection....

We are looking at these two, and we are looking at this organisation and how it treats its talent. Want to know... she doesn't need to do it, it's not her role to carry that anymore. So it's to this room, and the people within this place to grow and nurture, show that they have a viable future within this organisation. That you can come in as an intern and that you can get to the top spot, not just because you are Māori but because you have trained them well, you have nurtured them well.”