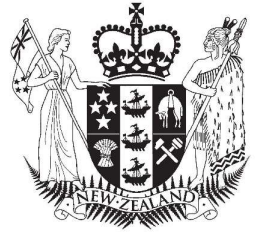


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8 July 2024

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Dear Regan Gibbons

Thank you for your emails of 9 May 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

all advice, meeting notes and communications (emails, text messages, Whatsapp, Teams messages) regarding the meeting you held with representatives of the NZ Jewish Council.

all advice, meeting notes and communications (emails, text messages, Whatsapp, Teams messages) regarding the meeting you held with representatives of the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand.

On 7 June 2024, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 20 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request. (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

Attached are the documents relevant to your request. Some parts of the documents are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b)(ii): to protect the passing of information from an international organisation on a confidential basis;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(ba): to protect the supply of confidential information by a third party;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to maintain constitutional conventions;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and,
- 9(2)(g)(ii): to protect officials from improper pressure and harassment.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that there is an error in the brief for the meeting with the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ). On page four, paragraph two states that "MFAT funding was provided to FIANZ on a one-off basis". This information is incorrect. A correction was communicated verbally to this office by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) prior to the meeting: Ministry funding was provided on a one-off basis to support the establishment of a coordinator role for the Christchurch Call Advisory Network. The funding was not provided to FIANZ.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Winston Peters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Minister of Foreign Affairs