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OIA24-CB161

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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your email to Kāinga Ora on 28 May 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I recently read that text messages between Minister Bishop and Bill English in the month of November 2023 contained an agreement to participate in the 'independent review' of Kainga Ora.

I would like to request text messages between Minister Bishop and Bill English in the month of December 2023.

This request was transferred to my office on 29 May 2024.

I am granting your request in part. I release to you screenshots of text and WhatsApp messages between myself and Sir Bill English in the month of December. Some messages are redacted under the following sections of the Act:

Section	Withholding ground
9(2)(a)	protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
9(2)(ba)(i)	protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information— would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: <http://tinyurl.com/yckxn6bz>.

Yours sincerely

Hon Chris Bishop

Annex 1: Document Schedule

Documents schedule – OIA24-CB161				
	Document type	Date	Title/Subject	Section of the Act Applied
1	Text messages (Screenshots)	18/12/2023		N/A
2	WhatsApp messages (Screenshots)	3/12/2023–16/12/2023		s9(2)(a) 9(2)(ba)(i)

Sun, 3 Dec

9(2)(a)

A white rounded rectangular input field for typing a message.

7:46

5G



Bill English

last seen today at 7:28 PM



Mon, 4 Dec

Great. You are going to need a few more of those officials They can be powerful
If they are acting with your authority

8:41 PM

Wed, 6 Dec

Good meeting w hud and Tsy today on review. 9(2)(a) is finalising terms of ref. Tsy want to make it bigger than Ben hur but we will get it tight.

9(2)(a)

Sat, 16 Dec

9(2)(ba)(i)



