

From: [Bob Pinchin](#)
To: s9(2)(a)
Subject: Fwd: Invitation
Date: Thursday, 29 February 2024 10:00:11 am
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Bob Pinchin
Founder & Director
s9(2)(a)



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Date: Sat, Feb 10, 2024 at 8:37 AM
Subject: Invitation
To: [.@..](#) <[.@..](#)>
Cc: Bob Pinchin <s9(2)(a)>

Kia ora – please find attached an invitation for the Prime Minister to attend the Hi-Tech Awards in May.

David



David Downs | Chairman, NZ Hi-Tech Trust | www.hitech.org.nz | s9(2)(a)



The New Zealand Hi-Tech Trust

NZ Hi-Tech Awards Gala Dinner - 2024
C/- 135 Broadway
Newmarket
Auckland

9 February 2024

Rt Hon Chris Luxon
Freepost
Parliament Buildings
Wellington 6160

Kia ora Prime Minister

On behalf of New Zealand's Hi-Tech industry, I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend the **29th NZ Hi-Tech Awards Gala Dinner** being held on Friday the 24th May 2024 with VIP pre-dinner drinks at 5.30pm at Spark Arena in Auckland, and to address the group and award one of the categories.

The annual Hi-Tech Awards www.hitech.org.nz is considered the "Oscars" of the industry and celebrates the achievements of New Zealand's technology sector including: software, electronics, IT services, mobile, telecommunications and other creative technologies.

The NZ technology industry is one of our biggest exporter earners and our fastest growing sector, employing more than 62,000 people. Again, we have seen record growth in this sector with \$13.2b in exports in 2023 - securing tech as NZ's second-largest "export" earner for the third consecutive year.

The Gala Dinner is considered to be the premier industry event with the last Gala attracting over 1,100 attendees – leaders, workers, investors and key supporters of the sector.

I hope you can make time in your schedule to join us.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Downs".

David Downs
Chair - The New Zealand Hi-Tech Trust
s9(2)(a)

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From: s9(2)(a)
To: s9(2)(a)
Subject: 2827: PM to High Tech Awards Advice: May 24th
Date: Monday, 8 April 2024 6:38:20 pm
Attachments: [Fwd Invitation.msg](#)

Hi s9(2)(a)

Unsure how I missed this email last month! Please log it for diary consideration s9(2)(g)(i)

Thanks,
s9(2)(a)

From: s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 5:42 PM
To: s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz>; s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: PM to High Tech Awards Advice: May 24th

Hi s9(2)(a)

Just wondering if the PM has made a decision about this yet, and happy to support with briefing if he has.

Kind regards
s9(2)(a)

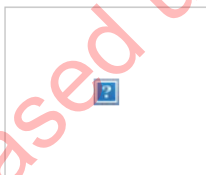
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Subject: PM to High Tech Awards Advice: May 24th

Hi s9(2)(a)

We understand that the PM has received the attached invite at attend and address the NZ High Tech Awards on May 24th in the evening.

Please let us know if you would welcome any advice from NZTE about his attendance,

Kind regards
s9(2)(a)



s9(2)(a)
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From: [David Downs](#)
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Subject: Re: Invitation
Date: Friday, 3 May 2024 2:39:59 pm
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That's a shame but thanks for letting us know. We will approach another minister to speak on behalf of government. Thanks

David.

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From: s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 12:36:22 PM
To: David Downs <s9(2)(a) >
Cc: Bob Pinchin <s9(2)(a) >
Subject: RE: Invitation

Good afternoon David,

Thank you again for your invitation and patience.

Unfortunately, due to the Prime Ministers tight schedule he is unable to make on this occasion. I wish I could give you a more favourable answer, but he sends his sincerest apologies as he understands how significant the event is in the tech world.

He wishes you all the best for a successful awards evening and hopes he can attend the next one.

Kind regards,

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From: David Downs <s9(2)(a) >
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:46 AM
To: s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Bob Pinchin <s9(2)(a) >
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Yes, of course. Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:14:28 AM
To: David Downs <s9(2)(a)>
Cc: Bob Pinchin <s9(2)(a)>
Subject: RE: Invitation

Good morning David,

Thank you for your email. Would it be ok to confirm with you this afternoon?

Kind regards,

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Cc: Bob Pinchin <s9(2)(a)>
Subject: Re: Invitation

Kia ora – just wanted to check in on this? We'd love to have the PM at the event and to say a short speech to the 1300 expected guests.
We look forward to hearing back from you.

David

From: s9(2)(a) [@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:s9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz)
Date: Monday, 15 April 2024 at 1:42 PM
To: David Downs <s9(2)(a)>
Subject: RE: Invitation

Thank you David, I will be in touch in due course. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kind regards,

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From: David Downs <s9(2)(a)>

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 1:37 PM

To: s9(2)(a) <[redacted]> <parliament.govt.nz>

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From: David Downs

Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2024 3:37:15 AM

To: xx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx <xx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>

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Cc: s9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: 2827: Invitation
Date: Friday, 19 April 2024 7:06:06 am
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Great. Judith's overseas so have sent Simon Watts on her behalf as acting Minister for SIT in her absence

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Cc: s9(2)(a) parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: 2827: Invitation

Awesome, the PM is keen to attend. I will work something with the team and keep you updated.

Cheers,

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From: s9(2)(a) parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:40 PM
To: s9(2)(a) parliament.govt.nz>
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Yes, it is the biggest social event of the year for the tech sector.

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Hey Team,

Could you please let me know if this is something the PM should attend.

Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: 29th NZ Hi-Tech Awards Gala Dinner

Hi s9(2)(a) – I have confirmed with the team that the PM is unable to attend the event.

Cheers,
s9(2)(a)

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To: s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: 29th NZ Hi-Tech Awards Gala Dinner

Hi s9(2)(a)

Yes, Minister Watts will be attending. Please let me know if there's anything you need from us in terms of support for the PM's attendance, if he is attending.

Many thanks,
s9(2)(a)

From: s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 10:28 AM
To: s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: 29th NZ Hi-Tech Awards Gala Dinner

Good morning s9(2)(a)

Will Minister Watts be attending the Hi-Tech Awards Friday 24 May? We're thinking the PM could possibly attend.

Cheers,

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