

# Hon Paul Goldsmith

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Ref: OIAPG136

Dear Cooper

I refer to your request received on Monday 3 June 2024, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You requested the following information:

- *All correspondence between your office and representatives of Google for the current year.*
- *Records of meetings, including minutes and agendas, involving you, your office, and representatives of Google for the same period.*

## Information being released

Please find enclosed a combined PDF of the following letters and email correspondence:

1. Google letter to Hon Lee regarding Aide Memoire, 20 February 2024
2. Correspondence RE: Meeting request, 11 March 2024
3. Google letter to Hon Goldsmith, 26 April 2024
4. Correspondence RE: Meeting request, 29 April 2024
5. Google letter to Hon Goldsmith regarding meeting, 13 May 2024
6. Correspondence RE: Fair Digital News Bargaining Bill, 22 May 2024
7. Correspondence RE: Google NZ FY 2023 results, 24 May 2024

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons

## Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available:

- Google Select Committee Submission on the Fair Digital News Bargaining Bill - [https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCEDSI\\_EVI\\_fc7faac0-2ec0-4e47-7ab5-08db9ebb2302\\_EDSI120/672518b04f764770455bc3eb52135f6b65e8711d](https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCEDSI_EVI_fc7faac0-2ec0-4e47-7ab5-08db9ebb2302_EDSI120/672518b04f764770455bc3eb52135f6b65e8711d)
- How Google Works with the News Ecosystem July 2021 - [https://storage.googleapis.com/gweb-uniblog-publish-prod/documents/How\\_Google\\_Works\\_with\\_the\\_News\\_Ecosystem\\_July\\_2021.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/gweb-uniblog-publish-prod/documents/How_Google_Works_with_the_News_Ecosystem_July_2021.pdf)

- When journalism is turned off: Preliminary findings on the effects of Meta's news ban in Canada - <https://www.mediaecosystemobservatory.com/reports/state-of-the-canadian-media-ecosystem-ldra7#:~:text=The%20Facebook%20Pages%20of%20national,four%20months%20following%20the%20ban.>
- CCIA Link Tax Failures Explainer - [https://ccianet.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/CCIA\\_Link-Tax-Failures-Explainer.pdf](https://ccianet.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/CCIA_Link-Tax-Failures-Explainer.pdf)

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed above under section 18(d) of the OIA – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA. I do not consider that these considerations outweigh the need to withhold the information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available via [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Goldsmith', is written over a large, faint blue circular stamp or watermark.

Hon Paul Goldsmith  
**Minister for Media and Communications**