



Ref: 229497

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Sarah Allison

By email to fyi-request-27168-ff55bab4@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Sarah

Response to your request for Official Information

On 7 June 2024, you requested the following information from Te Kāhui Tika Tangata Human Rights Commission (“the Commission”) under the Official Information Act 1982 (“OIA”):

all correspondence (teams chats, whatsapp, Facebook messenger, instagram, signal, telegram, sms, email or any other form of communication) between Meg de Ronde and Julia Whaipooti between 29 May and 31 May 2024.

Inside the scope of your request were 10 Microsoft Teams messages between Meg de Ronde (“MdR”) and Julia Whaipooti (“JW”), all between 10:14am and 10:17am on 31 May 2024.

The next page details our decisions on your request in relation to these 10 messages:

- Messages on the topic of an internal newsletter have been provided.
- The details of messages on a second topic are being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect privacy, because the messages relate to an apology being offered in the context of an employment relationship matter.

The Commission considered whether there were any considerations rendering it desirable in the public interest to make the withheld messages publicly available beyond the summary provided. The Commission ultimately determined that the public interest in further disclosing these messages did not outweigh the relevant privacy interests.

Alternative avenues

If you are not satisfied with this response, under the Official Information Act you are entitled to complain to the Ombudsman’s Office. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or on freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

Hannah Northover

Tumuaki Kaitohu Ture | Chief Legal Advisor

Te Kāhui Tika Tangata | New Zealand Human Rights Commission



Microsoft Teams messages

Message	Decision
From MdR to JW 31/5 10:14am	Released in full: "Bro...can you do newsletter today? It's been ages and we have stuff piling up"
From JW to MdR 31/5 10:14am	Released in full: "yep on it. soz soz."
From MdR to JW 31/5 10:15am	Partially released: "All good. I'm going to drive in round midday." Remainder withheld under OIA section 9(2)(a).
From JW to MdR 31/5 10:15am	Partial summary provided, with some details withheld under OIA section 9(2)(a). These messages (and the withheld portion of the first 10:15am message) relate to an apology being offered in the context of an employment relationship matter.
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