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Dear John

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received on 13 July 2024. You requested the following:

all correspondence with Stefan Sunde (Sunde is a member of the National party board of directors) all correspondence mentioning Stefan Sunde or "Stefan"

*Plus, all correspondence about EY (Ernst & Young or Ernst and Young) including:
any mention of their 'scandal'
'secret drinking club'
'PR nightmare'
'sexual harassment'*

Please find enclosed the following document:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	24 March to 1 June 2024	Text messages with Stefan Sunde	Release in part

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the document listed above, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting Ministers, members of government organisations, officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Some information has been redacted because it is not covered by the scope of your request. This is because the information was sent and received in my capacity as a member of the National Party and not my Ministerial capacity. Therefore, it is not 'official information'.

In addition, I received an email from Hamish Campbell, MP from Ilam, regarding two events. This email contained a list of attendees which included Stefan Sunde. Therefore, it was determined this email was not in scope of the request.

I have not received any correspondence about *EY (Ernst & Young or Ernst and Young)* including any mention of *'scandal', 'secret drinking club', 'PR nightmare' or 'sexual harassment'*. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Willis', with a large, sweeping initial 'N'.

Hon Nicola Willis

Minister of Finance

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