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Ref: PMO 118-2024-25

Dear Jacob

Official Information Act request: Communications between the Prime Minister and Hon Willis 16-23 September 2024

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 24 September 2024. You requested:

“Please provide all communications via text and email between yourself and the Minister of Finance Hon Nicola Willis between Monday 16 September 2024 and 23 September 2024.”

I have interpreted your request to be for communications via text and email between the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Rt Hon Luxon) and Hon Nicola Willis (Hon Willis) during the specified period.

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	16/09/2024 5:09pm	Text: Rt Hon Luxon to Hon Willis	Release in full
2	19/09/2024 6:29am	Text: Rt Hon Luxon to Hon Willis	Release in full
3	Undated [transmission stamp 22/09/2024 9.07pm]	Email: Rt Hon Luxon to Hon Willis	Release with some information withheld under: S9(2)(a), S9(2)(g)(i)
4	undated	Attachment to Email referred to in Item 3 titled 'Working from Home Post Cab Script'	Release of Title, but document withheld under S9(2)(g)(i)
5	undated	Attachment 'PR – WFH Post Cab' to Email referred to in Item 3	Release of attachment title, but document withheld under S9(2)(g)(i)
6	undated [transmission stamp 22/09/2024 9.58pm]	Email: Hon Willis to Rt Hon Luxon	Release with some information withheld under: S9(2)(a), S9(2)(g)(i)

The internet link appearing in the text dated 16/09/2024 is

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=PMQs%3a+Starmer+and+Sunak+clash+again+on+winter+fuel+payment+cuts&mid=777020571FE2E8FB6BF6777020571FE2E8FB6BF6&FORM=VIRE>

The internet link appearing in the text dated 19/09/2024 is

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cz04md0zdrno.amp>

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

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals; and
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely


Cameron Burrows
Chief of Staff