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Ref: PMO OIA 128-2024-25

Dear Amanda

Official Information Act request: Stars Flight Ltd

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 3 October 2024. You requested:

“1. Please provide all notes and correspondence including calls, texts, emails, and documentation including communications between other Ministers and Government agencies and instruments of the Crown, from 2 May 2024 to date, regarding the decision of your Office, that it will not consider the proposal for a Transparent Democracy system, submitted 2 May 2024 by Stars Flight Limited.

2. Please provide all notes and correspondence including calls, texts, emails, and documentation including communications between other Ministers and Government agencies and instruments of the Crown, from 1 August 2021 to date, regarding the decision of the previous Prime Minister's Office regarding a proposal for New Zealand regarding the Transparent Democracy system, submitted 1 August 2021 by Stars Flight Limited.”

The Prime Minister's Office can only respond to your request with information we hold from 27 November 2023, when Prime Minister Luxon received his Ministerial Warrant.

In relation to part [1] of your request please find attached the relevant correspondence. Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect personal privacy.


As your request captures both former Prime Ministers Jacinda Ardern and Chris Hipkins part [2] of your request was partially transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You will hear directly from DIA with anything they may hold. This office does not hold anything additional that is relevant to part [2] of your request therefore it is refused under section 18(g) of the Act.

If you are seeking information that you believe may be held by another Minister, you may wish to consider making a request direct to that Minister (if you have not done so already). You can find contact information on Ministers and their portfolios at the following link: [Ministers | Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.ministers.govt.nz)

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