



18 November 2024

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Ref: OIA-2024/25-0359

Dear P Robins

Official Information Act request for information regarding OIA-2024/25-0308

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 18 October 2024. You requested:

"I request all communications regarding OIA-2024/25-0308.

I request all notes, electronic, physical including hand written, or otherwise, regarding OIA-2024/25-0308."

A search was undertaken for communications and notes regarding OIA-2024/25-0308. I have decided to release the attached emails and notes, subject to information being withheld under the following grounds:

- s6(a), to protect the security and defence of New Zealand or the international relations of New Zealand.
- s9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals.
- s9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility.
- s9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.
- s9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.
- s9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

Where section 9 of the Act applies, 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.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

Clare Ward
Executive Director
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