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Ref: OIA-2024/25-0375

Dear P Robins

Official Information Act request relating to communications between DPMC and Minister's offices regarding He Whenua Taurikura

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 23 October 2024. You requested:

"I request all communications between the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and minister's offices related to He Whenua Taurikura research centre sent and received since 23 September 2024."

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 13 working days because consultation was needed before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

A search was completed of the relevant Information Management Systems for anything relevant to your request as above. One email trail was located which I have decided to release to you subject to information being withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- s9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals.
- s9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

A small amount of information is not in scope of your request and is marked accordingly.

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

Bridget White
Executive Director
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