



25 November 2024

Ref: OIAFA 59

P Robins

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Dear P,

Official Information Act request: Communications

Thank you for your email of 25 October 2024, in which you requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), communications. Specifically, you requested:

I request all communications in any form sent or received by you, your staff including departmental seconded, and anyone else in relationship to your media release entitled "Labour's misleading information is disappointing" dated 11 September 2024.

In response to your request please refer to the document pack which includes text messages between ministerial staff from 11 September 2024. Please note, some information has been removed as it is out of scope of your request, and some withheld under the following provisions of the Act:

- section 9(2)(a) to protect privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions

In withholding information under sections 9(2)(a) and (2)(g)(i), I have considered the public interest and do not consider it outweighs withholding the information at this time.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole McKee'.

Nicole McKee

Minister for Courts

Associate Minister of Justice