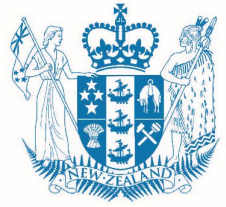


Hon Mark Mitchell

Minister of Corrections
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OIA 24470

Lee Burton
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Dear Lee

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 26 October 2024, where you sought:

- *All documents and correspondence - including SMS, Signal, WhatsApp, and other messages on all social media and messaging platforms - between you and the Associate Minister of Police, Hon Casey Costello, relating to personal disclosures made by her staff (political and departmental) that could conflict them in their provision of advice to her and you in that portfolio area.*
- *All documents and correspondence - including SMS, Signal, WhatsApp, and other messages on all social media and messaging platforms - between you and the Associate Minister of Police, Hon Casey Costello, relating to disclosures made by her to you relating to reports of crimes or incidents (excluding the issuing of infringement notices) filled against or that have involved any her staff since the Minister took office on 24 November 2023.*
- *All correspondence between you and New Zealand Police staff noting the matters referred to above.*
- *All correspondence between you and the Department of Internal Affairs noting the matters referred to above.*

I have not identified any material in scope of your request and therefore it is refused in full under section 18(e) of the OIA that the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Mitchell'.

Hon Mark Mitchell
Minister of Police