



**Te Tari Taiwhenua  
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Tēnā koe Mr Thomas

**Official Information Act (1982) request 2425--0591**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request of 13 December 2024.

You have asked for:

- records of all communications, written or spoken, notes of discussions and decisions, text messages, voice mails and other message platforms such as Teams, WhatsApp etc, and staff recollections relating to a lecture scheduled for February 2025 by historian Paul Moon. This should include any communication within the organisation as well as without. For the avoidance of doubt, it should include recollections of meetings and conversations that have not yet been put into writing, as well as notes on pads and post-it notes.

In response to your request, I am releasing to you most of the information requested, attached as Appendix A, except for information noted on pads or post-it notes under Section 18(e) of the Act as they do not exist.

Some material contained in the attachments is out of scope for the request, or has been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

Section of the Official Information Act	Provision
9(2)(a)	Privacy of natural persons
9(2)(g)(ii)	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information are outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the decision has been made to proactively release a copy of this response on the Department of Internal Affairs website at a later date. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be

removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: [Official Information Act Requests-2 - dia.govt.nz](https://www.dia.govt.nz/official-information-act-requests-2).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at [OIA@DIA.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@DIA.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Esson', is positioned above a faint, light blue rectangular stamp.

**Rachel Esson**

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## Appendix A: Schedule of documents released

Bundle number	Description
1.	Emails
2.	Sign out sheet [including event listing]
3.	Personal recollections