



7 March 2025

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Ref: PMO OIA 286-2024-25

Dear Alan Riley

## Official Information Act request: Correspondence between Ngāi Tahu and the Prime Minister regarding attendance of Waitangi Day celebrations

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 11 February 2025. You requested:

*“Please provide all correspondence between yourself and Ngai Tahu (and its associated entities, e.g. the runanga that hosted) in relation to your attendance of their Waitangi Day celebrations.*

*Please also provide any correspondence, notes, or briefings, in relation to your potential attendance at Waitangi. This includes any handwritten or verbal recordings.”*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 6 working days because it necessitated consultations to be undertaken before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

### Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Date	Document	Release
11/11/2024	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Te Rūnanga o Ōtakou <i>[Invitation was received by Minister Potaka, passed to Ministers and Members of Parliament.]</i>	Copy of invitation and covering emails released with some information withheld under: s9(2)(a)
13/01/2025	Email: Takapūneke Article (PM Briefing) and programme	Some information withheld under: s9(2)(a)
No date	Attachment: Takapūneke Article	Released in full
29/01/2025	Email: Onuku Contact	Some information withheld under: s9(2)(a)
27/1/2025	Email: Onuku Contact for [s6(d)]	Some information withheld under: s6(d), 9(2)(a)
3/02/2025	Email: Draft Waitangi Advisory	Some information withheld under: s9(2)(a)
3/02/2025	Document: Ngāi Tahu press release	Released in full
No date	Document: Waitangi at Onuku Marae	Released in full

I have decided to release these documents with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- section 6(d), to maintain the safety of any person
- section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of individuals

Please note, some information has been marked as out of scope. This information related to the administrative forwarding of information for your request.

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.

Yours sincerely



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Chief of Staff