

7 October 2025

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Tēnā koe Harwood,

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 9 September 2025. You requested:

*Please can you provide copies of all electronic communications regarding OIA request IR-01-25-14691  
Such as internal or external emails or other electronic communication methods regarding this request within NZ Police or other agencies from the date this OIA request was submitted until now.*

Please find the copies of communication relating to IR-01-25-14691 enclosed.

I have removed any duplicate copies and provided the most recent email thread. However, you will find some parts of the email threads have been repeated. This is to ensure Police provide a comprehensive response and don't exclude any emails.

Please note that it has been necessary to withhold some information under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation of officers and employees of any Department or organisation in the course of their duty.
- section 2(1) of the OIA, as unless the context otherwise requires, official information (i) does not include information contained in any correspondence or communication which has taken place between the office of the Ombudsmen and the Police and which relates to an investigation conducted by an Ombudsman under this Act or under the Ombudsmen Act 1975, other than information that came into existence before the commencement of that investigation.

Draft responses attached to emails are withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA.

In addition, I have not included copies of correspondence between yourself and Police in relation to this request, as you will already have these.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the

public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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