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OIA26-CB060

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Dear David

Thank you for your email of 13 April 2026 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

all correspondence between the Minister, Minister's office and the Ministry regarding the original request

The original request in question was OIA26-CB020, and was for:

All updates and briefings (including memo's, reports, dashboards, emails, text messages etc) received by you or your office (including advisers and private secretaries) relating to the vacancy of the 30 homes at Wellesley Road in Napier.

Six documents have been found to be within scope of your request and two are released to you. Some documents and information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

Section of Act	Reason to withhold
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
9(2)(j)	To enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

The documents in scope of your request are detailed in the attached document schedule.

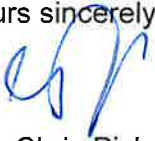
I have withheld the draft response letter, marked up and redacted versions of the previous response (OIA26-CB020) under section 9(2)(g)(i) as upon review further edits and redactions were required. I provided you with copies of the final version of these documents as part of the response to this request. I have also withheld an email thread between my office and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development under section 9(2)(g)(i).

Release of this correspondence and these documents would negatively impact my ability to respond properly to requests, thereby prejudicing the effective conduct of public affairs.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CB', is positioned above the typed name.

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister of Housing

Annex 1: Document schedule

Documents in scope of OIA26-CB060			
	Date	Document	Section of the Act applied
1	25 February 2026	Email thread ending 25 February 2026	Withheld in full under s9(2)(g)(i)
2	12 March 2026	Email thread ending 12 March 2026, with the following attachments	s9(2)(a) s9(2)(g)(i)
3		- Draft response letter for OIA26-CB020	Withheld in full under s9(2)(g)(i)
4		- Marked versions of documents in scope of OIA26-CB020	Withheld in full under s9(2)(g)(i)
5		- Redacted versions of documents in scope of OIA26-CB020	Withheld in full under s9(2)(g)(i)
6		- HUD cover sheet for OIA26-CB020	s9(2)(j)

