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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act request: Titles of Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request received on 13 April 2026. You requested:

I noted,
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/politics/360963879/how-prime-minister-took-ex-prince-andrews-nz-titles-him>

'Emails released to Stuff under the Official Information Act show that discussions about Andrew's positions and honours related to New Zealand took place between the country's most senior officials, with Luxon personally signing off moves to quietly cut Andrew out.'

Can I also get a copy of the same OIA documents you provided to Stuff.

Information being released

I am releasing to you the same documents that were provided to the author of the article you have referenced. The information being released is listed in the table below, subject to information being withheld as noted. Where information has been withheld in full it has not been provided. Any redactions are the same as in the material that was provided to Stuff. The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

1. Section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
2. Section 6(b)(i), to protect the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government
3. Section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
4. Section 9(2)(f)(i), to protect the confidentiality of Sovereign communications
5. Section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials

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6. Section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion

Item	date	Description	Release decision
1	24/02/2026	advice to PMO on reply to Journalist regarding Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor (AMW) 1990 medal	Released with partial redaction under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(g)(i)
2	24/02/2026	emails with PMO regarding Cabinet Office correspondence	Released with partial redaction under s9(2)(a)
3	24/02/2026	emails with PMO regarding Cabinet Office correspondence	Released with partial redaction under s9(2)(a)
4	24/02/2026	emails with PMO regarding final comment from the PM on succession	Released with partial redaction under s9(2)(a)
5	24/02/2026	emails with PMO regarding draft comment on succession	Released with partial redaction under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(g)(i)
6	23/02/2026	email to PMO informing of correspondence from UK Cabinet Office and process for previous law of succession changes in 2013	Released with partial redaction under s6(a), s6(b)(i), and s9(2)(a)
7	23/02/2026	email chain with PMO & DPMC media on responding to AMW queries	Released with partial redaction under s9(2)(a)
10	22/02/2026	emails with PMO regarding a media enquiry	Released with partial redaction under s6(a), s6(b)(i), and s9(2)(a)
11	19/12/2025	advice for Antarctic Naming Committee	Released with partial redactions under s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(i), or out of scope
12	16/12/2025	email regarding response to enquiry regarding AMW's New Zealand titles and honours	Released in full
13	10/12/2025	email with PMO confirming cancellation of AMW 1990 medal	Released with partial redactions under s9(2)(a)
19	14/11/2025	note to PM on process for cancellation of AMW's 1990 medal	Released with partial redactions under s9(2)(f)(i)
21	5/11/2025	email to PMO regarding succession	Released with partial redaction under s9(2)(a)
22	5/11/2025	email from the PM regarding 1990 medal	Released with partial redactions under s9(2)(a), s9(2)(f)(iv), and s9(2)(g)(i)
23	3/11/2025	email to PMO regarding AMW NZ Honours	Released with partial redaction under s9(2)(a)

24	3/11/2025	email to PMO regarding the line of succession	Released with partial redaction under s9(2)(a)
28	31/10/2025	enquiry regarding AMW's NZ titles and honours	Released with partial redactions under s9(2)(a)

In making my decision on the original request from Stuff, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act I considered whether the public interest in disclosure outweighed the need to withhold the information, and I concluded that it did not. I have concluded the same decision applies to your request.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā



Rachel Hayward
Clerk of the Executive Council