



27 April 2017

James Harris  
via: [fyi-request-5656-0286d285@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-5656-0286d285@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Harris

**Request for Information under the Official Information Act**

I refer to your emailed dated 2 April 2017, in which you requested the following:

- itemised listed of expenses claimed by the Chief Executive of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for his stay at the Millbrook Resort (Queenstown) in August 2016;
- total bill for expenses claimed by the Chief Executive of the EPA for his stay at the Millbrook Resort (Queenstown) in August 2016; and
- any days taken as annual leave by the Chief Executive in August 2016.

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1983.

In response to your request, I have decided to refuse your request under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, "to protect the privacy of natural persons".

In making this decision, I have considered, in terms of section 9(1) of the OIA, whether the interest in withholding the information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

You have a right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under s 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review of this refusal.

Yours sincerely

Flora McIntyre  
Acting Chief Executive  
**Environmental Protection Authority**