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Dear Ms Montague

Official Information Request: OIA18/19-0285

Thank you for your email of 29 November 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"I would like to request the following under the Official Information Act:

- 1. the number of meetings Hon Tracey Martin has had with LGBTQI/Intersex or transgender groups or representatives to discuss the Births, Deaths and Marriages Bill/Act from 1 November 2017 to present.*
- 2. the number of meetings Hon Tracey Martin has had with lesbian specific groups or representatives to discuss the Births, Deaths and Marriages Bill/Act from 1 November 2017 to present.*
- 3. the number of meetings Hon Tracey Martin has had with Iwi or other Māori groups or representatives to discuss the Births, Deaths and Marriages Bill/Act from 1 November 2017 to present.*
- 4. the number of emails Hon Tracey Martin has received about the Births, Deaths and Marriages Bill/Act from 1 November 2017 to present from members of the public. I would like to see the copies of these emails too if possible please.*
- 5. the number of requests for meetings about the Births, deaths and Marriages Bill/Act Hon Tracey Martin has declined from 1 November 2017 to present."*

Regarding parts one through three of your request, I have not met with any LGBTQI/Intersex groups or representatives, lesbian specific groups or representatives, Iwi or other Māori specific groups or representatives to discuss the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 1995 (BDMRRA), between 1 November 2017 to 30 November 2018.

35 documents have been identified as within scope of part four of your request. A table listing the documents is attached as **Appendix A**. Copies of the documents for release are attached as **Appendix B**. I am withholding parts of these documents pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This provision relates to the withholding of information, where necessary, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I am also withholding documents 30 and 32 in full, pursuant to section 9(2)(ba) of the Act. This provision relates to the withholding of information, where necessary, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.

Regarding part five of your request, I declined three requests for meetings about the BDMRAA, between 1 November 2017 to 30 November 2018. I must also note that I meet with a lot of people on many different topics. There is a chance the BDMRR Bill may have been raised during meetings but this has not been recorded as it was not the main focus of the meeting.

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding this information are outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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