



Office of Hon John Banks CNZM, QSO

Member of Parliament for Epsom
Minister for Regulatory Reform
Minister for Small Business
Associate Minister of Commerce
Associate Minister of Education

Liam Williams

8th August 2013

Dear Mr Williams

I refer to Official Information Act request of 11 July 2013 asking for the following information:

All instances between 1-31 May 2013 where the Minister met or otherwise conversed with parties who engage in lobbying activity.

For each instance of 'lobbying activity', I would like to know:

- *The name of the business address of the lobbyist*
- *The name and business address of the represented client*
- *The subject matter(s) discussed*
- *The name and business address of the client and any person or body that controls or directs the activities of the client and has a direct interest in the outcome of the activities undertaken on behalf of the client*
- *Where the client is a company, the name and business address of each subsidiary of the company that has a direct interest in the outcome of the activities undertaken on behalf of the client*
- *Where the client is a subsidiary of another company, the name and business address of that company*
- *Where the client is a coalition, the name and address of each person or body that is that a member of that coalition*
- *Particulars to identify the subject matter in respect of which the lobbying activity was undertaken*
- *Particulars to identify the communication technique used to communicate with the public office holder*

Most of the information you have requested is not held by this office and therefore cannot be provided. I can identify two instances in the period to which you refer when I met with people who could be considered lobbyists. I have provided the date of the meeting, the name of the organisation and person met with and the general topic of the meeting. The other information which you have requested is not held by this office.

1. On May 10 2013 I met with Graham Billings from the Franchise Association to discuss the Employment Relations Amendment Bill

2. On May 15 2013 I met with Phil O'Reilly from Business New Zealand to discuss small business

There may have been other occasions where I have 'met or conversed with' people you would considered lobbyists, but my office does not keep records of all those I come into contact with.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Banks', written in a cursive style.

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