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Dear Mr Williams

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request received on 11 July 2013. You requested the following:

"I would like to request all information held (including the Minister diary) in relation to:

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

For the purpose of this request, "lobbying activity" should be considered to mean:

Communication between the Minister and any party (the lobbyist) who is paid to represent the views of any person, company, firm or organisation (the client), where:

The principal purpose of the communication was to convey the client party's view on the state or development of:

any legislative proposal, Bill, Act, regulation, amendment, policy, programme, or the awarding of grants, funding, contracts, or any other financial benefit which falls under the auspices of the Government of New Zealand to allocate.

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

- The name and 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 company that is a subsidiary of another company, the name and business address of that other company*
- Where the client is a coalition, the name and address of each person or body that is 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 a public office holder (e.g.: telephone conversation, internet conference etc.)”

I would note that I attend engagements and meetings as a Minister of the Crown, a Member of Parliament, a member of the National Party and as a private citizen. Only in the first role am I subject to the Official Information Act.

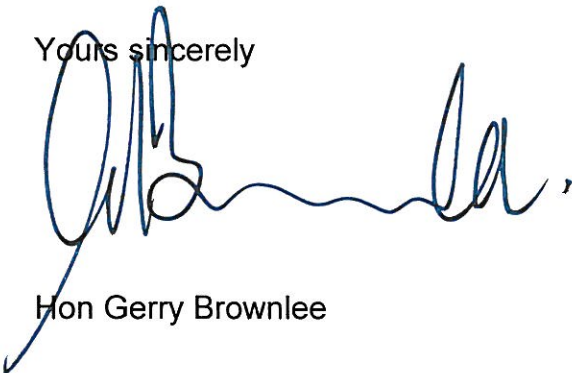
In order to provide this information all engagements in my diary for May 2013 would need to be researched to ascertain in what capacity I attended. Once those engagements had been identified as official information, they would have to be assessed to see if they involved any of your identifiers of lobbying. Given the number of appointments in my diary I do not believe that providing you with this information would be a good use of officials' time. Further, my diary is a planning and management tool and is not necessarily organised in a way that would assist in the preparation of this request.

Additionally I do not hold some of the information your request, specifically the names, addresses, the company names or their subsidiary or coalition arrangements.

I am declining your request under sections 18 (f) and (g) of the Official Information Act which relates to the information being unable to be made available without substantial collation and research and the fact that I do not hold the information.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Brownlee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Gerry Brownlee