



22 May 2019

Ref: DOIA 1819-1584

Jake Preston

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Dear Mr Preston

Thank you for your email of 3 May 2019 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I would like to request all internal and external communication, emails (including the use of private email addresses that may have been involved), notes of phonecalls, meetings and recollections pertaining to the administration and refusal of OIA Request: 1819-1455. To be clear this includes all internal and external discussions from the point that the request was received to the point where the request was refused.

Please find attached the information you have requested.

Please note, information is withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, as making this information available would be likely to prejudice the ability to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by employees of any department or organisation in their course of duty.

Information is also withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the Act, to maintain legal professional privilege.

You will note some information is also withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. In making my decision to withhold information under section 9(2) of the Act, I did not consider that the withholding of this information was outweighed by public interest considerations in making it available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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