



## Prime Minister

Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage

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Minister for National Security & Intelligence

13 AUG 2019

Hamish Price  
fyi-request-10401-c7bfa06f@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: PMO 118-2019

Dear Hamish Price

### Official Information Act request for all correspondence between the Prime Minister or her office and Simon Wilson

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 28 May 2019. You requested:

*"...all text messages, emails, and other written correspondence between you and Simon Wilson, and your office and Simon Wilson, sent or received between your swearing in as minister and today."*

I extended the time limit for making a decision on this request as it required a search through a large amount of information and required consultations before a decision could be made.

Doc	Date	Description and Subject
1.	29/08/2018	Email - Nauru visit
2.	21/11/2018	Email - Waitangi
3.	27/03/2019 to 31/03/2019	Email - Interview
4.	various	Screen shots of text messages

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Act, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals;
- section 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect the supply of similar information in the future; and
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

I have decided to withhold one further email dated 4 August 2018, in full under section 9(2)(ba)(i).

You will be aware from my responses to your previous requests along similar lines, that any information within the scope of your request that may have been communications with a former staff member within the Prime Minister's Office are no longer held by this office because it is not the type of information that is required to be retained under the Public Records Act 2005.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a long horizontal line.

Raj Nahna  
**Chief of Staff**

**From:** [Simon Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Campbell](#)  
**Subject:** Nauru visit  
**Date:** Wednesday, 29 August 2018 10:08:36 AM

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Hi Andrew

Will the PM be re-stating NZ's offer to take refugees from Nauru when she meets Marise Payne at the Pacific Islands Forum in Nauru next week? I'm doing a story on Helen Clark (book of her speeches coming out this weekend) and this is one of the then-and-now issues.

Any chance of a quotable written response some time today?

Simon

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**From:** [Andrew Campbell](#)  
**To:** [Simon Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Waitangi

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Hi Simon

Just for planning, not reporting at this stage.

PM is looking to be in Waitangi 3<sup>rd</sup> till the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Not locked down entirely. But intention is to have a full programme like last year.

Andrew

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**From:** Simon Wilson [mailto:simon.wilson@nzme.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 November 2018 4:53 PM  
**To:** Andrew Campbell <Andrew.Campbell@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Waitangi

Hi Andrew

I'm keen to go back to Waitangi this year, following up on the hearts and souls coverage I did last year. Does the PM know yet how long she will be there? I need to make my case about how long I want to stay.

Cheers

Simon

Simon Wilson  
Senior writer  
NZ Herald  
s9(2)(a)

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**From:** [Simon Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Campbell](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Interview  
**Date:** Sunday, 31 March 2019 1:41:41 PM

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Hi Andrew

Thanks for getting back so quick. Quiet time on the duty roster, huh? I imagine you need it.

Thanks for considering the request - I'll await a response. Could be in May, if that works better, s9(2)(a). That would mean looking ahead to budget too, although obv she's not going to tell me what's in it. But maybe we can join some dots around wellbeing and kindness and compassion and you know.

s9(2)(ba)(i)

Simon

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**From:** Andrew Campbell s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 31 March 2019 1:36 PM  
**To:** Simon Wilson  
**Cc:** s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Interview

Hi Simon

Sorry not to get back to you earlier on this.

1. s9(2)(g)(i)
2. Re the interview I will lodge it with her to consider when she gets back from China. TBH



we are declining all interview requests on this subject now outside of her regular slots.

s9(2)(ba)(i)

Andrew

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**From:** Simon Wilson s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 31 March 2019 1:32 PM  
**To:** Andrew Campbell s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Re: Interview

Hi Andrew  
Did you see my email the other day - attached below?

Simon

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**From:** Simon Wilson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 March 2019 5:58 PM  
**To:** Andrew Campbell  
**Subject:** Interview

Kia ora Andrew

I'm sure you've cleaned out everything non-essential, but any chance of my getting a sit-down with the PM sometime over the next 2 weeks? Say, by April 10? s9(2)(a)

Ideally we'd want to do it as a video interview, and in Auckland. But if that's not possible, could be Wellington.

Did you see my piece written the Sunday after?

[https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=12213687](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12213687)

Also, if you're interested, the attached - not for distribution please - is a draft of a piece I've done for s9(2)(ba)(i) It'll be featured in the paper and online on Friday.

Do let me know if we can talk.

Simon

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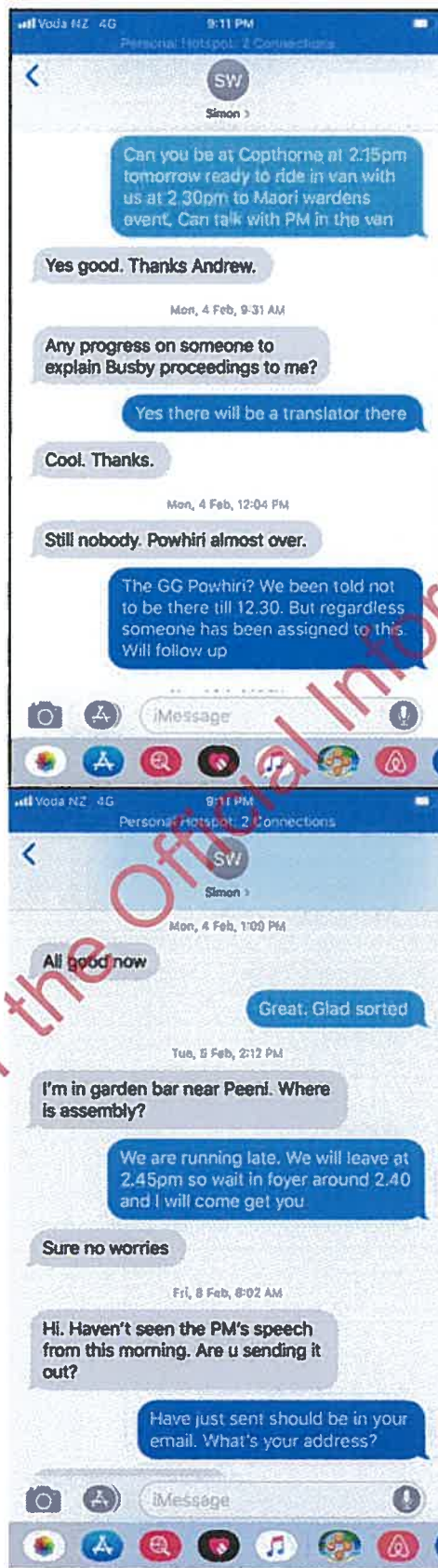
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