



## Prime Minister

Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage

Minister for Child Poverty Reduction

Minister for National Security & Intelligence

29 JUL 2019

Hamish Price  
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Ref: PMO 119-2019

Dear Hamish Price

### **Official Information Act request for all correspondence between the Prime Minister or her office and Jesse Mulligan**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 29 May 2019. You requested:

*"...all text messages, emails, and other written correspondence between you and Jesse Mulligan, and your office and Jesse Mulligan, 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, had any information been found, would have subsequently required consultations before a decision could be made.

Having searched the records of all of the current members of staff within the Prime Minister's Office, I advise that no information within the scope of your request has been located. Accordingly, I must refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Act, because the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

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, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna  
Chief of Staff