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Hamish Price
fyi-request-10461-33b395bf@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: PMO 132-2019

Dear Hamish Price

Official Information Act request for all correspondence between the Prime Minister or her Office and Eleanor Ainge Roy

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 5 June 2019. You requested:

"I request all text messages, emails, and other written correspondence between you and Eleanor Ainge Roy, and your office and Eleanor Ainge Roy, sent or received between your swearing in as minister and today."

I decided to extend the time frame for providing a decision on your request by 10 working days because it necessitated searches through a large quantity of information, and consultations were needed before a decision could be made,

Please find enclosed 16 documents as listed in the attached table.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals.

There have been substantial staffing changes within the Prime Minister's Office during the period of time spanned by your request. Any information within the scope of your request that may have been communications with a former staff member 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.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

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

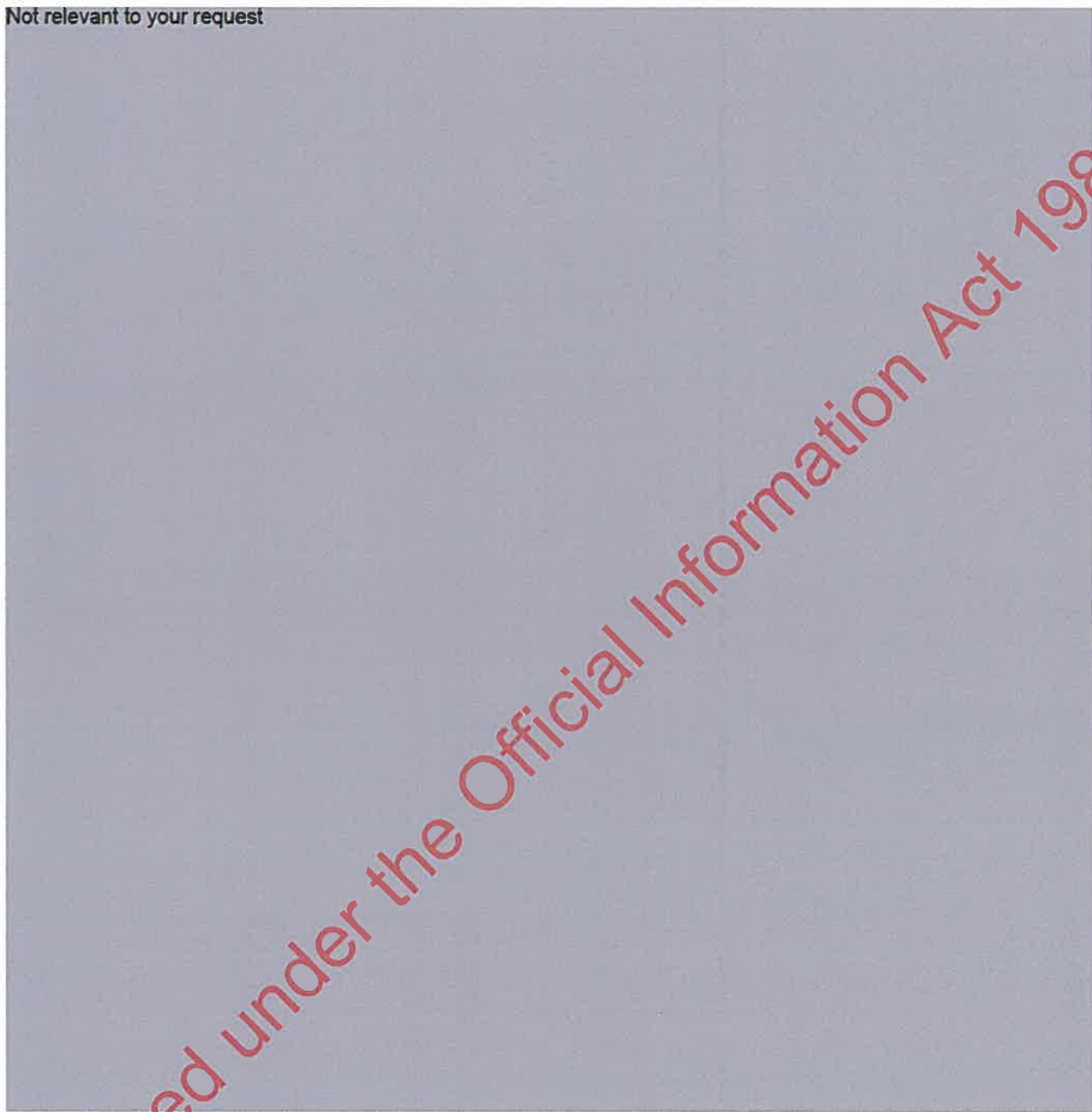
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff

Item	Date	Email subject
1.	18/01/2018	Guardian UK_ Letters 'experiment' to PM
2.	21/02/2018	For Diary_ Guardian Interview with the Prime Minister
3.	26/06/2018	Guardian UK_ Ardern interview
4.	5/07/2018	Checking in, Guardian UK, Ardern interview
5.	24/07/2018	Ardern return date
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10.	25/10/2018	Guardian UK_ comment, kinder politics
11.	16/11/2018	RE_
12.	22/01/2019	Ardern tele op-ed
13.	8/04/2019	Guardian UK_ Facebook live
14.	13/05/2019	Guardian UK_ Christchurch call
15.	17/05/2019	Guardian UK_ Alan Wendt
16.	17/05/2019	Guardian UK_ Alan Wendt

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From: Eleanor Ainge Roys s9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2018 11:16 AM
To: PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz; s9(2)(a)
s9(2)(a)
Subject: Fwd: Guardian UK/ Letters 'experiment' to PM

Hi,

Just checking in to see if your team received the below email yesterday, and what time today I can expect a response?

Best regards,

Eleanor

Eleanor Ainge Roy
Journalist
The Guardian UK

s9(2)(a)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Eleanor Ainge Roy**^s
Date: 17 January 2018 at 18:28
Subject: Guardian UK/ Letters 'experiment' to PM
To: PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz, s9(2)(a)

Hi, saw this story and we're keen to do a fun, light take on it for tomorrow. It's very sweet.

A few queries.

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How many letters has Ms Ardern received through this experiment since being elected PM

- What's the most remote/interesting place they've come from
- Does she/how does she reply
- What do the letters contain?
- Do you have a fun anecdotes to share regarding the quickest/quirkiest route one of the letters has taken to reach Ardern directly?
- Any hand-delivered letters reached her from the UK?

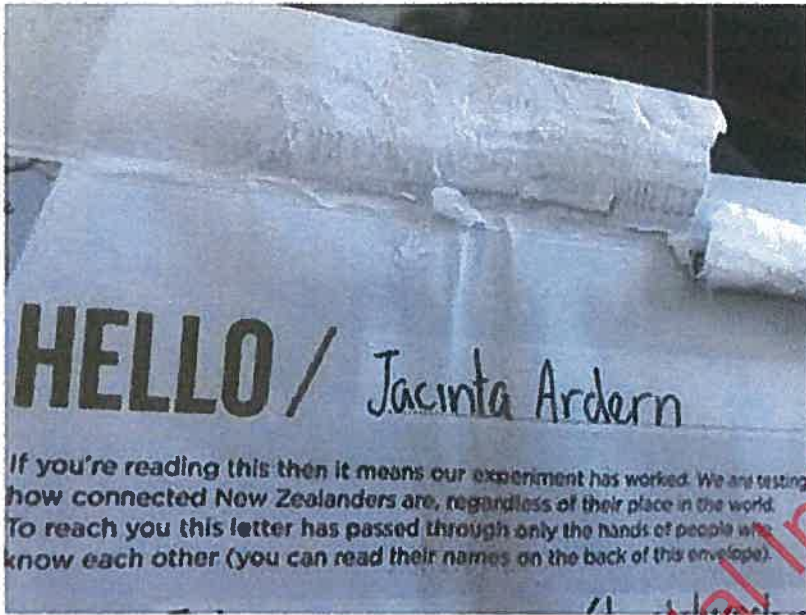
Kind regards,
Eleanor



Jacinda Ardern

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Going through a few letters and I love how many of these there are! They're part of a project in schools to see whether a message from a student can reach any person they pick. The trick is it can only reach that person by being passed onto no more than 5 other people who all have to know each other. I am yet to see one that has taken that many degrees of separation before it's found me!



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Eleanor Ainge Roy
Journalist
The Guardian UK

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Media Request – The Guardian

Date: Thursday 12 April

Time: anytime 10am-4pm

Outlet: The Guardian

Journalist: Eleanor Ainge Roy

Topics: Introduction article, CHOGM preview

Method: In person ideally, or by phone with photos supplied

Contact (cellphone): s9(2)(a)

Back-up contact: N/A

Is there a photoshoot?: Yes

PMO contact: s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a) | Press Secretary

Office of the Prime Minister of New Zealand

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From: [Eleanor Ainge Roy](#)
To: [Andrew Campbell](#)
Subject: Guardian UK/ Ardern interview
Date: Tuesday, 26 June 2018 5:50:28 PM

Hi Andrew,

My name is Eleanor Ainge Roy and I am the New Zealand correspondent for the Guardian newspaper UK. <https://www.theguardian.com/profile/eleanor-ainge-roy>

Just wanted to introduce myself and look forward to saying hello in person down the track.

I have heard the prime minister will give a series of interviews to domestic media when she returns to work after her maternity leave.

The Guardian would like to be considered as the exclusive outlet for an international interview when the prime minister returns to work.

Our newspaper has covered Ardern's election campaign and new government extensively, as well as covering New Zealand domestic issues and politics for the last three years.

We are the most trusted international newspaper to carry daily coverage of New Zealand, and have a large readership of New Zealand stories both inside and outside the country (can provide figures if interested).

New Zealand readers are also some of our most loyal and generous members and donors of any country in the world. They are highly engaged with our stories; they read to the end, they comment frequently and they share and post stories, again, more than almost any other country outside the UK.

The Guardian has a different set of interests and questions to ask the prime minister than the domestic media is likely to ask in their interviews, and will run 1500-2000 words online and in the Saturday paper (our biggest mover).

Last time I interviewed Jacinda she told me the Guardian was her favourite newspaper during her time in London, and I hope that respect she has for us remains.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Best regards,
Eleanor

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From: [Andrew Campbell](#)
To: [Eleanor Ainge Roy](#)
Cc: s9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Checking in, Guardian UK, Ardern interview

Hi Eleanor

We haven't made any decisions on interviews at this stage. The PM is on maternity leave and we are not putting media requests to her.

We will let you know the answer to your request once we review all of the requests media have made prior to her returning to work.

As we have set out her priority is the major domestic news organisations.

Andrew

Andrew Campbell | Chief Press Secretary
Office of the Prime Minister of New Zealand

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From: Eleanor Ainge Roy s9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 5 July 2018 8:24 AM
To: Andrew Campbell s9(2)(a)
Subject: Checking in, Guardian UK, Ardern interview

Hi Andrew,

Eleanor Ainge Roy from the Guardian. Checking in to see if you received my email last week, and what your thoughts are re: interview? Perhaps we could have a chat today or tomorrow.

Kind regards,
Eleanor

Eleanor Ainge Roy
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From: [PMOmedia](#)
To: [Eleanor Ainge Roy](#)
Subject: RE: Ardern return date
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Eleanor

We will make an announcement on the PMs return date later this week.

Andrew

Andrew Campbell | Chief Press Secretary
Office of the Prime Minister of New Zealand

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From: Eleanor Ainge Roy s9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 23 July 2018 4:05 PM
To: PMOmedia <PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Ardern return date

thanks very much

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On 23 July 2018 at 15:55, PMOmedia <[PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz](#)> wrote:

Hi Eleanor, strictly not for publication: We're expecting her back on deck on Monday August 6

Cheers

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From: Eleanor Ainge Roy s9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 23 July 2018 3:29 PM
To: PMOmedia <[PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz](#)>
Subject: Ardern return date

Hi,

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Eleanor Ainge Roy from the Guardian UK. Just wondering if you have a return-to-work date for prime minister (not for publication). We have a series of comment pieces and features we'd like to time for her back to work week.

Kind regards,
Eleanor
Eleanor Ainge Roy
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From: [Eleanor Ainge Roy](#)
To: [Andrew Campbell](#)
Subject: Guardian UK/lunch
Date: Thursday, 26 July 2018 10:52:41 AM

Hi Andrew,

Hope you're well, thanks for the information re: the prime minister's return date.

I will be in Wellington next week, Wednesday through to the weekend. Would you be free for lunch one of those days - or a coffee/drink if pressed for time?

Would be great to meet you in person.

Kind regards,
Eleanor

Eleanor Ainge Roy
Journalist
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From: [Eleanor Ainge Roy](#)
To: [Andrew Campbell](#)
Subject: Re: Jacinda Ardern interview request - The Guardian
Date: Thursday, 9 August 2018 8:09:43 AM

Hi Andrew,

Good to hear from you.

Yes it will be me Andrew. Will the prime minister be in Wellington? Any way I can take my 2.15 slot in person (just a dictaphone, no extras).

Cheers,
Eleanor

On Wed, 8 Aug 2018, 10:16 PM Andrew Campbell,
<Andrew.Campbell@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Not relevant to your request and Eleanor

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

We have allocated 15 minutes at 2.15pm this Friday for a phone interview with the Guardian. She is talking to AAP, and the NY Times on the same day – so you are part of a group of first international media interviews.

Eleanor will you be doing the interview?

Andrew

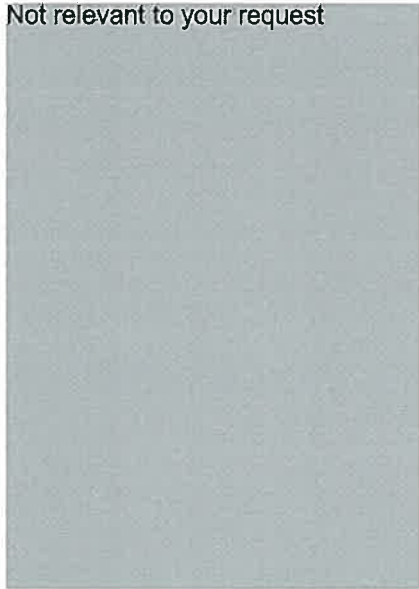
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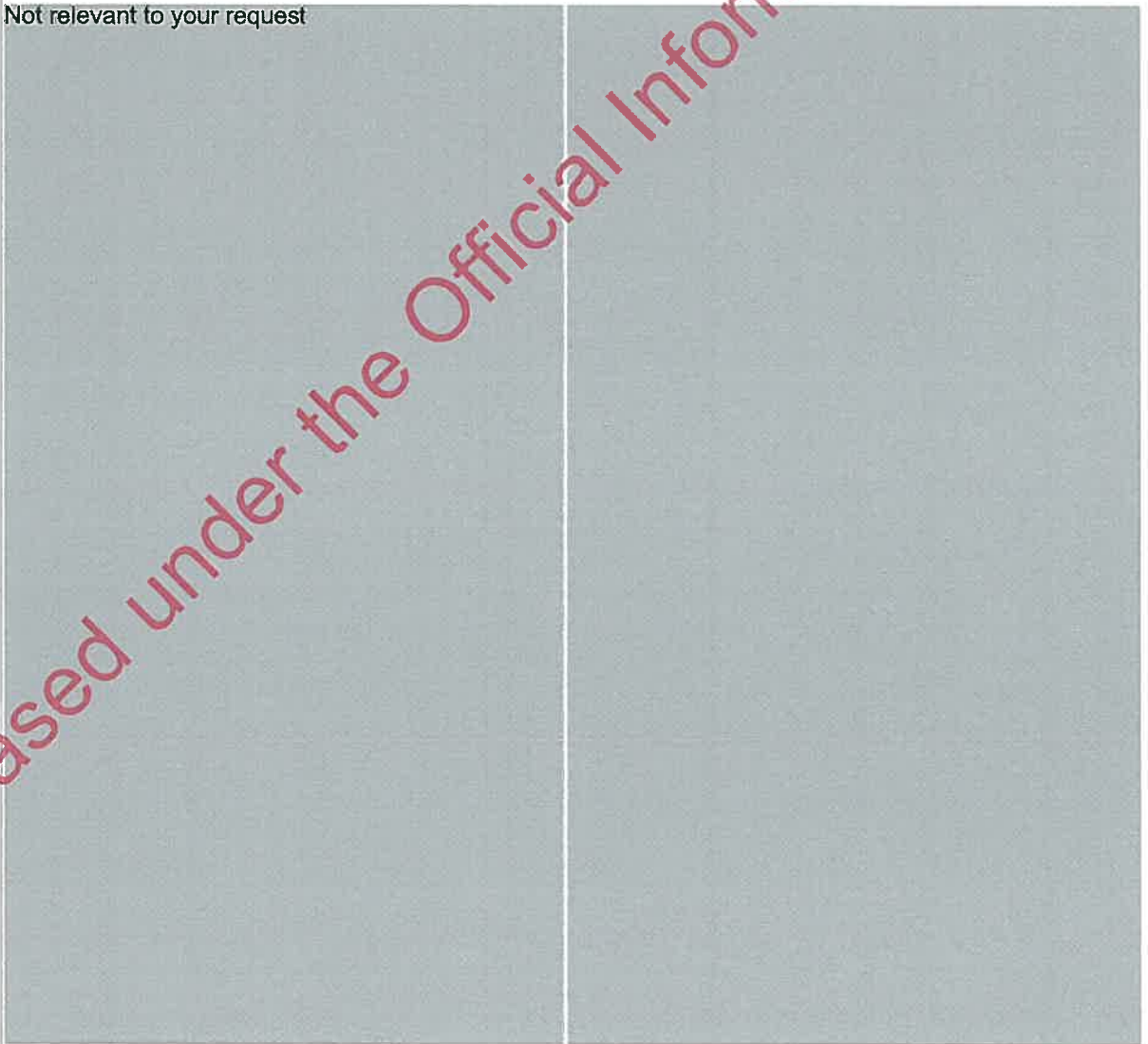
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From: [Eleanor Ainge Roy](#)
To: [PMOrmedia](#); [Andrew Campbell](#)
Subject: Guardian UK/ Ardern, Nauru visit
Date: Wednesday, 22 August 2018 12:32:49 PM

Hi,

Just following up on comments by the prime minister that she would like to meet asylum seekers - including children - when she visits Nauru soon.

https://www.skynews.com.au/details/_5824511347001

Does the prime minister have a comment on her desire/hope to meet the asylum seekers and why she would like to do this, and are there any firm plans for a meet-up to take place, and if so, how will it happen?

Best regards,
Eleanor

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Guardian News & Media

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From: [Andrew Campbell](#)
To: [Eleanor Ainge Roy](#); [PMOmedia](#)
Subject: RE: Guardian UK/ one year anniversary
Attachments: [IMG-20181023-WA0001.jpg](#)

Hi Eleanor

Thanks for your email.

The interviews on Thursday are only going to be 10 minute slots.

Unfortunately we could only squeeze in 7 slots and are going with the major domestic networks. A number of domestic news agencies are not getting an interview.

Apologies for this, I know the Guardians numbers will be excellent, but given the nature of the event we have decided to prioritise local media outlets.

Andrew

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From: Eleanor Ainge Roy [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
Date: Tuesday, 23 Oct 2018, 4:28 PM
To: [PMOmedia](#) <PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>, Andrew Campbell
[s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
Subject: Guardian UK/ one year anniversary

Hi,

The Thursday round of interviews just flagged by Ardern with herself and the deputy. Is there any space for Guardian - 15, 20 minutes? We marked the anniversary in print and web on Monday (photo attached).

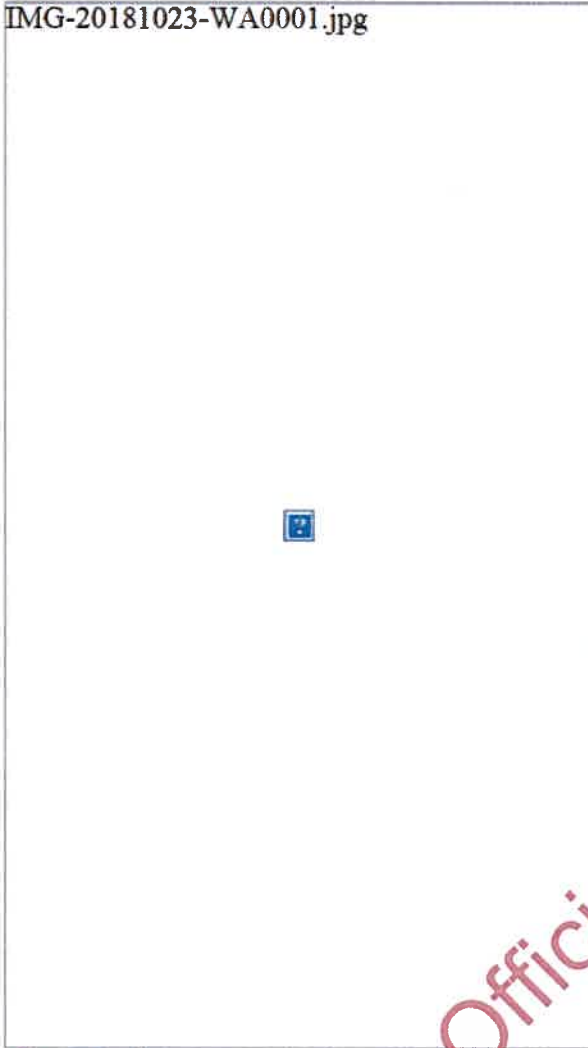
Our Monday piece explored the transformational ambitions of the government, and how the govt is balancing need for short-term wins with longer, slower pace of transformational change.

Happy to provide numbers on readership for Monday's piece.

Best regards,
Eleanor

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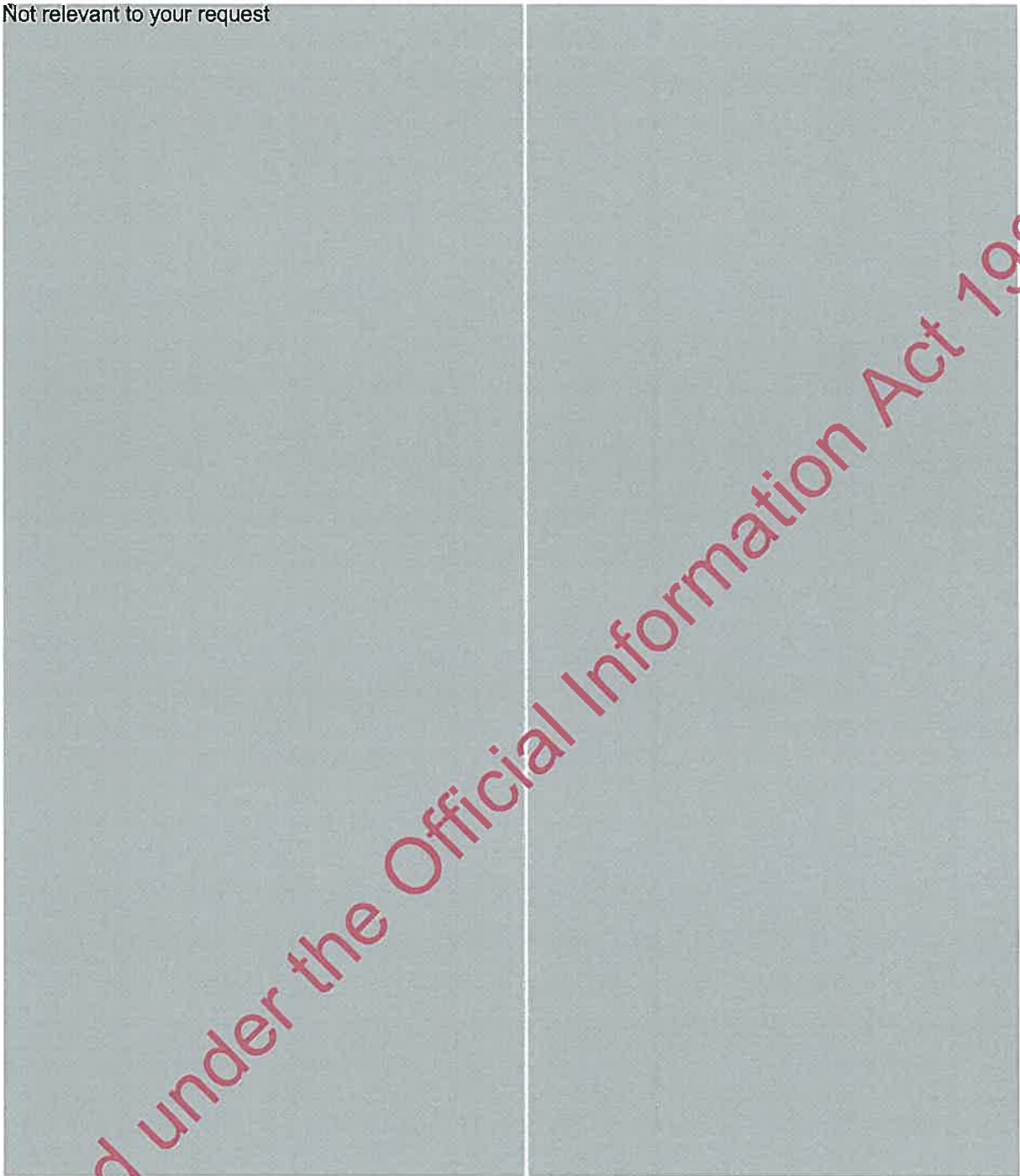
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From: Eleanor Ainge Roy s9(2)(a) [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 October 2018 9:06 AM
To: Andrew Campbell s9(2)(a) [redacted]; PMOmedia
<PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Guardian UK/ comment, kinder politics

Any interest in this?

Cheers,

Eleanor
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Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2018 at 12:49
Subject: Guardian UK/ comment, kinder politics
To: Andrew Campbell s9(2)(a)
s9(2)(a) PMOmedia <PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>

Hi,

Hope you're well. We have been interested to read the prime minister's comments regarding making a political career aspirational again ("if someone's child said to them they wanted to be a politician that wouldn't be met with fear or cringe"), maintaining kindness and well-being in politics, and looking after one another in the "tough" working environment .

Would the PM be interested in writing a global-facing comment piece for us regarding these issues, and her thoughts around making politics kinder and aspirational?

We have only done minimal reporting on the JLR story, so the piece would not be hung off that as a news hook. We're really just interested in the PMs comments for their own sake, and am sure our readers would be too.

Kind regards,
Eleanor

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Subject: RE:

Hi Eleanor

Thanks for sharing this

Andrew

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Date: Friday, 16 Nov 2018, 4:15 PM
To: PMOmedia <PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>, Andrew Campbell
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Subject:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/nov/16/new-zealand-rejects-naurus-claims-it-stopped-refugees-from-visiting-on-holiday-visas>

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From: [Andrew Campbell](#)
To: [Eleanor Ainge Roy](#); [PMOmedia](#)
Subject: RE: Ardern tele op-ed

Hi Eleanor

Apologies for the slow response. Time zones and bust day in London.

Thanks for the offer. We do appreciate our relationship with the Guardian and as you will be aware we make the PM available for interviews from time to time (she is going to be followed around Waitangi for 4 days for example and the Guardian was the only UK outlet to get an interview after the PM returned from maternity leave).

That said it is our preference to get our message out through a range of media outlets in the UK. I note the issues with paywalls, but it also appeared in the print edition of the newspaper too.

Andrew

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From: Eleanor Ainge Roy [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
Date: Monday, 21 Jan 2019, 3:23 AM
To: Andrew Campbell [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#); [PMOmedia](#)
<PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Ardern tele op-ed

Hi Andrew,

Hope all is well, happy new year.

We saw the PM's op-ed in the UK Tele today and we were sorry we didn't have it. Could I please get us in the queue for next time? Would have been much more widely shared without the paywall.

All best,

Eleanor
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Sent: Monday, 8 April 2019 11:53 AM
To: PMOmedia <PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>; Andrew Campbell
[s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
Subject: Guardian UK/ Facebook live

Hi,

Eleanor Ainge Roy from the Guardian. Just writing up some of the privacy's commissioners comments re: Facebook live and Zuckerberg's response following the broadcasting of the Christchurch attacks.

Is the PM's office own use of Facebook live under review/consideration - and what other options are being explored to host the PMs press conferences and more informal facebook live videos?

I have noticed the PM hasn't used the Facebook live platform for anything besides formal, pre-scheduled press conferences since the attack - is this a deliberate decision the PM has made?

Kind regards,
Eleanor
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From: [Andrew Campbell](#)
To: [Eleanor Ainge Roy](#); [PMOmedia](#)
Subject: RE: Guardian UK/ Christchurch call

Hi Eleanor

Apologies for delay, am on route to Paris.

We are not releasing details of the call ahead of the meeting on Wednesday.

PM is not doing any additional interviews outside of her confirmed schedule at this stage.

I'm happy to talk once I land in Paris if that is helpful.

Andrew

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From: Eleanor Ainge Roy [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
Date: Monday, 13 May 2019, 7:14 AM
To: [PMOmedia](#) <PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>, Andrew Campbell [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
Subject: Guardian UK/ Christchurch call

Hi,

Any response to my earlier email re: details of the Christchurch call?

Cheers,
Eleanor
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From: s9(2)(a) on behalf of PMOmedia
To: Eleanor Ainge Roy
Subject: RE: Guardian UK/ Alan Wendt
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Hi Eleanor, sorry we are onto this but in different time zones. Is there a deadline we need to be working to?
Cheers

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Office of the Prime Minister
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From: Eleanor Ainge Roy s9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 17 May 2019 1:55 PM
To: PMOmedia <PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Guardian UK/ Alan Wendt

Hi s9(2)(a)

Any progress on this, will the PM be able to provide a comment on Alan Wendt?

Cheers,
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On Thu, 16 May 2019 at 15:46, PMOmedia <PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Eleanor

We will come back to you on this when the PM has woken up (in Paris).

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Cheers!

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From: Eleanor Ainge Roy [mailto:s9(2)(a)]

Sent: Thursday, 16 May 2019 12:16 PM

To: PMOmedia <PMOmedia@parliament.govt.nz>; Andrew Campbell

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Subject: Guardian UK/ Alan Wendt

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A couple of lines would really add to the piece. Wendt's interview is intriguing.

Kind regards,

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