



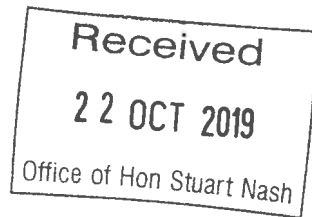
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Mr Harry Robson
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MINOIA 19-358

Dear Mr Robson

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (the Act) dated 18 September 2019. As you are aware, part of your request was transferred to me from the Prime Minister on 24 September 2019 as I have ministerial responsibility for the information.

You requested the following:

- (1) *How many meetings have the PM and Cabinet had with theistic leaders and theistic organisations since October 2017?*
 - A) *which leaders and organisations have been met with?*
 - how many times were said leaders and organisations met with?*
 - (B) *How long were these said meetings?*
 - (C) *What was discussed during said meetings?*
 - (D) *Did said meetings impact on any governmental action (including policy and legislation)?*
- (2) *Has the PM or members of Cabinet ever met with the "The Family and International Foundation" (USA) or communicated with them, in any capacity (including indirectly)?*
 - (A) *How long were these said meetings? Who was involved in and with them?*
 - (B) *What was discussed during said meetings?*

I respond to each of your questions in turn:

Question (1) A to D

I have had three meetings with theistic organisations:

- **Salvation Army** on 29 November 2018 from 11.00am to 11.30am to discuss their Hauora Programme.
- **New Zealand Jewish Council** on 28 May 2019 from 12.15pm to 12.45pm to discuss concerns around safety post March 15 attacks in Christchurch.
- **Ratana Church** members on 24 November 2018, I attended Ratana Day events from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

None of these meetings resulted in policy and legislative action.

Question (2) A to B

I have never met with the "The Family and International Foundation" (USA) or communicated with them, in any capacity (including indirectly). Therefore I am refusing this part of your OIA under section 18E of the Act as the information does not exist.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Nash". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Hon. Stuart Nash
Minister of Police