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Mr Ian McDonald

[fyi-request-11536-9581e7d3@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-11536-9581e7d3@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr McDonald

Thank you for your request of 26 October 2019 requesting:

*A copy of all correspondence made either directly or indirectly by the Minister in relation to Gun Control NZ and including Dr Hera Cook. This includes, letters, documents, electronic media (emails) including attachments and telephone transcripts.*

The attached emails have been identified as the items of correspondence that fall within the scope of your request. Note that some names and contact details have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of natural persons.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stuart Nash'.

Hon Stuart Nash  
Minister of Police

Out of Scope

**From:** Philippa Yasbek [s9(2)(a)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 June 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** [s9(2)(a)] <[s9(2)(a)]@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: FW:FW: Gun Control NZ: Request for meeting

Hi [s9(2)(a)]

Attendees for the meeting are: Hera Cook, Nik Green, Philippa Yasbek

Agenda:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) An overview of Gun Control NZ
- 3) Any update from the Minister on content and timing of the next round of legislation

For anyone preparing a background briefing, they should be able to find everything they need on our website: [www.guncontrol.nz](http://www.guncontrol.nz)

Happy to answer any other questions that you may have.

Cheers,

Philippa

s9(2)(a)

On Tue, 4 Jun 2019 at 09:21, s9(2)(a) <[redacted]@parliament.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear Philippa,

The Minister has now considered the invitation to meet and we would like to suggest the 26th June at 3.30pm. The meeting would be for 30 minutes at the Beehive.

If this time works for you please forward an agenda and advise those attend a week before the meeting occurs.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** Philippa Yasbek [s9(2)(a)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 May 2019 3:12 PM  
**To:** [s9(2)(a)] <[s9(2)(a)]@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Gun Control NZ: Request for meeting

Hi [s9(2)(a)]

It would be great if we can get a meeting sorted out soon. If I don't hear from you before then, I'll give you a call on Friday.

We just launched yesterday and had a bit of media coverage. You can now see our website here: [www.guncontrol.nz](http://www.guncontrol.nz) I've also copied our media release below.

Cheers,  
Philippa  
[s9(2)(a)]

**GUN  
CONTROL  
NZ**

**MEDIA RELEASE - TUESDAY 28 MAY**

### **New group launched to bring stronger gun laws**

New Zealanders want a country free from gun violence, and that means tightening controls around gun ownership and completely banning semi-automatic weapons, says newly launched organisation, Gun Control NZ.

Gun Control NZ is a non-partisan, volunteer organisation which came about from concern with modest changes to gun control laws in the wake of the Christchurch shootings.

The organisation will campaign for a mandatory gun register, a ban on semi-automatic weapons, and a shortened registration period for gun owners of 3 years.

Co-founder Nik Green says "Gun ownership imposes risks on all of us, and our current laws still have many loopholes. Gun Control NZ wants effective gun laws that keep the entire community safe."

"Parliament recently banned most semi-automatic weapons, but until there is full

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control of these weapons, and a register of all guns, the risk remains of them falling into the wrong hands. Gun Control NZ will give voice to the majority of New Zealanders who want to ensure the next generation inherits a country free from the danger of gun violence," says co-founder and firearms researcher Hera Cook.

"Hunting and other shooting sports have a long history in New Zealand. We support properly vetted people being able to own registered rifles and shotguns, so long as those guns are not semi-automatic," says co-founder Philippa Yasbek.

Gun Control NZ is asking people to sign up as a supporter at [www.guncontrol.nz](http://www.guncontrol.nz)

Gun Control NZ is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers. They are not aligned with any political party or government body. The founding members have backgrounds in public health and public policy.

**ENDS**

For further information contact:

Philippa Yasbek

s9(2)(a)

Hera Cook

s9(2)(a)

Nik Green

s9(2)(a)

On Mon, 20 May 2019 at 10:03, Philippa Yasbek s9(2)(a) wrote:

Hi s9(2)(a)

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Out of Scope But can we possibly change the time or date?

Hera is s9(2)(a) so would it be possible to either have the meeting before 2 June or after 25 June. Alternatively, if 2-25 June suits the Minister best, could we do the meeting either earlier in the morning or in the evening so that Hera can dial in?

Thanks for your understanding.

Cheers,

Philippa

s9(2)(a)

On Fri, 17 May 2019 at 16:35, s9(2)(a) [@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:s9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi,

Thank you for writing to Hon Stuart Nash requesting an opportunity to meet.

We would like to accept this invitation and propose the meeting take place at 3.30pm on the 13th June 2019 in the Ministers Beehive Office.

If you are happy to meet please confirm via this email address. Also please take note of the disclaimer at the end of my signature block. It gives details of information publicly available regarding the Minister's diary.

Kind regards

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** Philippa Yasbek s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 April 2019 10:36 AM  
**To:** S Nash (MIN) s9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Hera Cook s9(2)(a) Nik Green  
s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Gun Control NZ: Request for meeting

Dear Stuart

We are currently forming a new advocacy group: Gun Control NZ. We are aiming to reduce gun-related violence in New Zealand by advocating for stronger gun laws. We represent the 80% of New Zealanders who support strong, effective and sensible gun laws.

We believe that an individual's decision to own a gun imposes risks and costs on everyone else and that as a society, we need to reduce those risks and costs through stronger gun laws. A very small but vocal minority of gun owners has prevented the adoption of sensible gun laws until now.

For too long the Police and their union have been almost the sole advocates for gun control in New Zealand. While they do important work, it isn't possible for them to represent the views of the broader public on these issues. We come from public health and public policy backgrounds. We are creating an organisation that will be a coalition of interested groups (the medical community, victims' groups and many others) as well as direct membership.

Our core goals are:

- A ban on semi-automatic weapons
- The creation of an appropriately funded and mandatory gun register, with all sales of ammunition recorded and limited to licensed owners of registered weapons
- Shortening the licensing period for gun owners to 3 years

We are also developing our position on a number of subsidiary issues.

We hope that our legislative goals will largely be achieved with the next Arms Bill. We plan to submit and work with the Select Committee to help shape that legislation. We are concerned that as time passes, the political will to fix our gun laws may decline and the gun lobby could prevail again. If this next legislative effort is unsuccessful, we plan to continue our campaign until politicians take note of the views of the large majority in favour of better gun control.

We have not yet formally set up Gun Control NZ but do not want to wait to sort out the administrative details before we meet you. We understand and appreciate the pace at which the government and Parliament have been moving on these issues. We would like to meet you in the next few weeks to discuss the general shape of the upcoming legislation.

In the same way that you may consult gun lobby organisations such as

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COLFO on various issues, we expect to be consulted in the same way from now on. We are also writing separately to Police to introduce ourselves.

Regards,

Hera Cook  
Nik Green  
Philippa Yasbek

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