



## Prime Minister

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- 7 JUL 2020

Gareth Watkins

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Dear Mr Watkins

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), dated 9 February 2020 and refined on the 19 February 2020, for the following information:

*Can you please supply me with all of the information you have relating to the 2019/2020 restructuring of RNZ Concert and/or the establishment of a youth radio station by RNZ. This could include diary entries, briefings, advice, memos, correspondence etc. Please exclude public correspondence dated after the 4 February 2020 (as I'm guessing your office will have been flooded after the media stories began).*

As communicated to you on the 28 April 2020, a decision was made regarding information in scope of your request in accordance with the OIA. The outstanding material has now been administratively processed. Please find this material enclosed.

Please note, some information has been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
- section 18(d) – the information is already publicly available.

Furthermore, the 'attached notes' referred to on page 10 of the released information have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.

Formal advice provided to this office by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage is available on the Ministry's website [https://mch.govt.nz/proactive\\_releases](https://mch.govt.nz/proactive_releases).

I understand you have made a similar request for information to the office of Hon Kris Faafoi. Any communications between this office and Minister Faafoi's office which are in scope of your request will be considered by Minister Faafoi's office. You can expect a response to that information from Minister Faafoi's office in due course.

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

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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**

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**From:** Sarah Tebbs <Sarah.Tebbs@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 February 2020 2:34 PM  
**To:** Ellen Read  
**Subject:** FW: Lines on RNZ concert  
**Attachments:** Audrey Young RNZ Concert op-ed (002).docx

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**From:** Julia Luty [mailto:julia.luty@mch.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 February 2020 2:18 PM  
**To:** Sarah Tebbs <Sarah.Tebbs@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Lines on RNZ concert

Kia ora Sarah

To make sure we're all in the loop, see below lines we provided to Olivia in Minister Faafoi's office in response to an Audrey Young opinion piece (attached for your reference).

- Programming and staffing decisions are operational matters made by RNZ at arms-length from Government. Government is not involved in RNZ's day to day decision making and RNZ has full editorial independence from government.
- I understand officials are working with RNZ regarding the platforms and frequencies available for providing any new services.
- Content is funded in accordance RNZ's agreement with NZ On Air.

Ngā mihi

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Note I don't work on Wednesdays

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**From:** Sarah Tebbs <Sarah.Tebbs@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2020 9:10 AM  
**To:** Olivia Cross; Matthew Oliver  
**Subject:** 9(2)(g)(i)

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**From:** Sarah Tebbs <Sarah.Tebbs@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2020 1:17 PM  
**To:** Philippa Bell; Ellen Read  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT COMMISSION FOR RNZ CONCERT LINES BY COB  
**Attachments:** 2287 19-20 AM. Radio New Zealand Concert FM and youth radio frequencies.pdf

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**From:** Olivia Cross  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** Sarah Tebbs <Sarah.Tebbs@parliament.govt.nz>; 'Ministerial and OIA Enquiries' <Ministerial.Enquiries@mch.govt.nz>; 'Anna Butler' <Anna.Butler@mch.govt.nz>; 'Ruth Palmer' <Ruth.Palmer@mch.govt.nz>; Claire Baillie <Claire.baillie@mch.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Matthew Oliver <Matthew.Oliver@mch.govt.nz>; Bernadette Cavanagh <Bernadette.Cavanagh@mch.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT COMMISSION FOR RNZ CONCERT LINES BY COB

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**From:** Sarah Tebbs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** 'Ministerial and OIA Enquiries' <[Ministerial.Enquiries@mch.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Enquiries@mch.govt.nz)>; 'Anna Butler' <[Anna.Butler@mch.govt.nz](mailto:Anna.Butler@mch.govt.nz)>; 'Ruth Palmer' <[Ruth.Palmer@mch.govt.nz](mailto:Ruth.Palmer@mch.govt.nz)>; Claire Baillie <[Claire.baillie@mch.govt.nz](mailto:Claire.baillie@mch.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Matthew Oliver <[Matthew.Oliver@mch.govt.nz](mailto:Matthew.Oliver@mch.govt.nz)>; Olivia Cross <[Olivia.Cross@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Olivia.Cross@parliament.govt.nz)>; Bernadette Cavanagh <[Bernadette.Cavanagh@mch.govt.nz](mailto:Bernadette.Cavanagh@mch.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** URGENT COMMISSION FOR RNZ CONCERT LINES BY COB  
**Importance:** High

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Many thanks all

Sarah

**Sarah Tebbs | Private Secretary - Arts, Culture and Heritage**

Office of Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern | Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

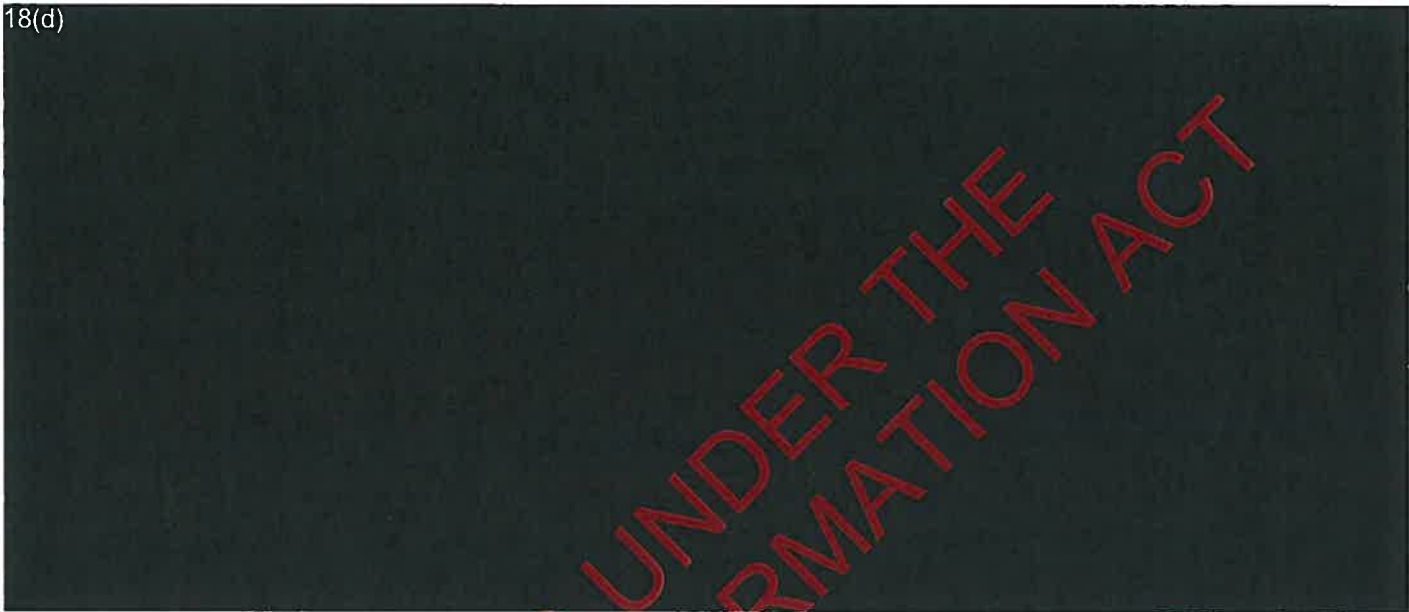
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**From:** Ellen Read <Ellen.Read@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2020 3:03 PM  
**To:** Philippa Bell  
**Subject:** rnz  
**Attachments:** RNZ Board Welcomes FM Frequency Opportunity.pdf

This was the PM's post-cab script yesterday



Since then, RNZ board has issues this PR (attached)

This information is publicly available at the following link:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2020-02/Press%20Conference%2010%20February%202020.pdf>.

**Ellen Read** | Deputy Chief Press Secretary  
Office of the Prime Minister

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**From:** Sarah Tebbs <Sarah.Tebbs@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** Ministerial and OIA Enquiries; Keegan Platten  
**Subject:** FW: WQ - 23 question(s) released to Minister

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2020 5:34 PM  
**To:** Philippa Bell; Ellen Read; Le Roy Taylor  
**Subject:** FW: Concert FM PQ material  
**Attachments:** RNZ concert PQ lines.docx

**Importance:** High

Hi all – attached notes from MCH in case of oral question tomorrow

Let me know what else you need/any clarifications you'd like on this material and we can also provide more info tomorrow as required if an oral question eventuates

Sarah

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**Cc:** Claire Baillie <Claire.baillie@mch.govt.nz>; Anna Butler <Anna.Butler@mch.govt.nz>; Ruth Palmer <Ruth.Palmer@mch.govt.nz>; Christine Seymour <Christine.Seymour@mch.govt.nz>; Peter Ramage <Peter.Ramage@mch.govt.nz>; Bernadette Cavanagh <Bernadette.Cavanagh@mch.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Concert FM PQ material

Kia ora korua

Please find attached the requested material in preparation for a possible PQ on RNZ Concert.

I am out of the office tomorrow but have copied in my comms and policy colleagues in case you need anything further.

Ngā mihi

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