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Dear Scott

I refer to your request dated 31 January for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

“I am writing to request copies of all email communications between MBIE and these two companies since the beginning of June 2020:

- 1) Biocell Corporation (domain: biocellcorp.co.nz)
- 2) South Pacific Sera (domain: southpacificsera.co.nz)”

I attach the material that comes within the scope of the request. Some information in the documents has been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(a): to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(ba)(i): to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied

In regard to information withheld under section 9(2), I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

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. Please contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response.

Yours sincerely

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