

Katherine Raue

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Ref: H202102054

Dear Katherine Raue

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 26 February 2021 for:

*“This OIA request is for all data and other information relating to the Ministry phone used by Waitamāi Tamehana 027 373 4051 and the calls and text messages sent from that phone to the number of our phone (which the Ministry is well aware of, that phone is 021 04 818 **) on 12 March 2020.*

This OIA request is for all information regarding the meeting at the Ministry of Health offices on or about 13 March 2020 with Aroha Metcalfe and another woman to discuss the offensive disturbing and misleading communications from Waitamāi Tamehana on 12 March 2020, and all information regarding the actions taken by the Ministry of Health in response to the complaints made at that meeting about the actions of Waitamāi Tamehana, as well as the response of the Ministry to our original complaint about the Ministry support of Nga Hau E Wha.

This includes the images of the text messages we received from Tamehana, which were photographed using another phone by Aroha Metcalfe and the other woman, the name of the other woman at that meeting, and all information about this second complaint about the manner in which Waitamāi Tamehana and Bernard Te Paa and the Ministry dealt with our original complaints about Tui Taurua, Jak Wild, Victoria Roberts, Bill Hamilton and Nga Hau E Wha.”

The Ministry does not hold phone records for the cell phone number 027 373 4051 because it is not a Ministry cell phone number. There is no reason to believe this information is held by any other agency subject to the Act, as such this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act.

The information you have requested in relation to Waitamāi Tamehana forms part of a Ministry employee record, the request for this information is refused under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

All information held by the Ministry in relation to your complaints regarding Tui Taurua, Jak Wild, Victoria Roberts, Bill Hamilton and Nga Hau E Wha, have been previously released to you in OIA responses H202008684, H202000787, H201801868 and Tairāwhiti DHB OIA response 12896.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aroha Metcalf', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Aroha Metcalf
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