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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 1 April 2021 (ref OIA 20/21 0561)

Thank you for your OIA request dated 1 April 2021 to the Department of Internal Affairs (Department). You requested –

“Can You please provide copies of any reports, audits or investigations that You have conducted into The Masse Cuesports Club”

The Department notes that the club was called the Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club Inc until 2012, then Masse Foundation Inc from 2012 to 2013, and finally, it has been known as Masse Incorporated from 2013 to the present. Further details can be found by searching the the Incorporated Societies Register.

Documents in scope of your request

The Department has identified **49** documents within scope of your request, which are summarised in the table attached to this letter.

Please note, to provide you with the most relevant information in a timely manner, the Department has excluded administrative emails such as those setting up meetings.

Principle of availability

The guiding principle for considering your request for official information is the principle of availability (section 5 of the OIA), that is, information must be made available on request unless there is good reason for withholding it. “Good reason” for withholding is defined in the OIA under a number of grounds. It is against these grounds that the Department considered whether to withhold official information in this case.

Withholding grounds applicable under section 9(2) of the OIA

The Department has considered the other reasons for withholding information that are subject to the public interest test, listed in section 9(2) of the OIA. The following grounds for withholding information apply to the redacted information to the extent outlined in Appendix A of this letter and in the documents themselves: section 9(2)(a) and section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.

Before deciding to withhold information under these sections the Department considered whether the withholding of information was outweighed by any public interest considerations under section 9(1) of the OIA. The Department acknowledges the public interest in the transparent conduct of public affairs and in holding officials to account for their actions.

In this case, it has been decided that the public interest in favour of disclosure of the redacted information in question does not outweigh the need to withhold the redacted information for the reasons set out in section 9(2) of the OIA. Therefore, sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) provide good reasons for withholding the redacted information in question.

If you are dissatisfied with the Department's decision on your request for information, you have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted by phone on 0800 802 602, via post at PO Box 10152 Wellington or via email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Allen', written in a cursive style.

Susan Allen

Deputy Director Operations
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Appendix A

Document number	Title	Date	Comments
Document 1	Photograph of age restriction sign: Waikato Snooker and 8 Ball Club	4/02/2004	<i>Released in full.</i>
Document 2	Job sheet: visit to Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	2/09/2004	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 3	Investigation Criteria Checklist: Waikato Snooker and 8 Ball Club	17/09/2004	<i>Released in full.</i>
Document 4	Job sheet: Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball	07/10/2004 – 15/10/2004	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 5	Job sheet: visit to Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	20/10/2004	<i>Released in full.</i>
Document 6	List of transactions for gaming account and club account	02/03/2005 – 15/02/2007	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 7	Minutes of Waikato Snooker and 8 Ball Club management committee meeting	23/02/2006	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 8	Letter from the Department to the Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	7/06/2006	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 9	Job sheet: Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club financial viability	9/11/2006	<i>Released in full.</i>
Document 10	Job sheet: Complaint regarding AGM meeting	24/07/2008 – 05/08/2008	<i>Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.</i>
Document 11	Memo: Summary of complaints regarding Waikato Snooker and 8 Ball Club	5/08/2008	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 12	Job sheet: visit to Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	07/09/2008 – 09/09/2008	<i>Released in full.</i>
Document 13	Department email chain regarding key person suitability	04/11/2008 – 19/01/2009	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 14	Job sheet: Meeting with President and venue manager of Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	12/01/2009	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 15	Memo: Complaint regarding Waikato Snooker and 8 Ball Club	6/03/2009	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>

Document 16	External email chain regarding Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club committee	27/10/2009 – 11/11/2009	<i>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.</i>
Document 17	Job sheet: Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club complaint	11/11/2009	<i>Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.</i>
Document 18	Email regarding Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club committee member resignation	23/12/2009	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 19	Job sheet: investigation regarding Waikato snooker & 8 Ball and Waikato Snooker and Billiards Association	04/06/2010 – 15/10/2010	<i>Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.</i>
Document 20	Letter from lawyer acting for Waikato Billiards and Snooker Association to Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	10/06/2010	<i>Released in full.</i>
Document 21	Email of complaint to the Department	22/06/2010	<i>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.</i>
Document 22	Job sheet: Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball complaint	2/07/2010	<i>Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.</i>
Document 23	Job sheet: Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball - Aggravated robbery	07/03/2011 – 08/03/2011	<i>Released in full.</i>
Document 24	Department property receipt	18/03/2012	<i>Released in full.</i>
Document 25	Page from gambling equipment fault / player dispute report form: Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	29/08/2012	<i>Released in full.</i>
Document 26	Page from gambling equipment fault / player dispute report form: Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	30/08/2012	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 27	Job sheet: theft of gaming machine money at Waikato Snooker and 8 Ball Club	05/09/2012 – 27/11/2012	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 28	Letter from the Department to Crown Solicitor	23/10/2012	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 29	Letter from the Department of Internal Affairs to lawyers for individual charged with theft	26/10/2012	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 30	Email exchange between Department and Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club representative regarding problem with EGM jackpot	12/11/2012 – 03/12/2012	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 31	Job sheet: Description of inquiries completed	29/11/2012	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>

Document 32	Internal Department letter regarding investigation into player complaint	1/12/2012	<i>Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA.</i>
Document 33	File note regarding interview with individual concerning stolen gaming machine money	24/01/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 34	File note regarding interview with individual concerning stolen gaming machine money	25/01/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 35	Email from Crown Solicitors attaching letter	25/01/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 36	Receipt showing repayment of stolen gaming machine money	29/01/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 37	Letter from the Department to individual in relation to theft of gaming machine money	31/01/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 38	Letter from the Department to individual in relation to theft of gaming machine money	31/01/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 39	Letter from Crown Solicitor to the Department of Internal Affairs	8/03/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 40	Receipt showing repayment of stolen gaming machine money	13/03/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 41	Letter from the Department to individual in relation to theft of gaming machine money	18/03/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 42	Letter from the Department to the Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	18/03/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 43	Letter from the Department to Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	21/03/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 44	Department property receipt	22/03/2013	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 45	Interview transcript with individual concerning stolen gaming machine money	no date	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 46	Memo: Waikato Snooker and 8 Ball	no date	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 47	File note from meeting with Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club committee member	no date	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>

Document 48	File note containing questions relating to Waikato Snooker & 8 Ball Club	no date	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>
Document 49	Department of Internal Affairs vs Levi James Newport: Summary of Facts	no date	<i>Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.</i>