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Ref: PMO 2021-177

Dear Cam Slater

Official Information Act request for information relating to police support for the Kahukura Programme

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 6 August 2021. You requested:

"provide the details and supporting documentation, including emails, file notes, aide memoires, text messages that provide the basis for the claim that "the local police in the Hawke's Bay supported the programme."

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 20 working days because it necessitated consultations to be undertaken before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, we are now in a position to respond.

Information publicly available

The Ministry of Justice recently released a number of documents in scope of your request as part of its Kahukura proactive release. You can find these documents on the Ministry of Justice website: justice.govt.nz/about/news-and-media/news/kahukura-proactive-release.

Accordingly, I am refusing your request for these documents under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available. Please note, some information has been withheld from these documents and this information continues to be withheld under the Act on the basis of the grounds described.

Information being released

Additionally, email correspondence has been identified within scope of your request that is not included in the Ministry of Justice's proactive release. We have decided to release this to you, subject to information being withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals; and
- section 9(2)(g)(ii), to prevent improper pressure or harassment.

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

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff