



5 April 2022

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Reference: OIA-2021/22-1079

Dear Vanessa Warren

**Official Information Act request relating to communications between PM,
Cabinet, Police and Andrew Coster**

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 8 March 2022. You requested:

“All communication, via email, telephone calls, text messages or minutes of meetings held between the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, and/or her cabinet ministers, Police Commissioner Andrew Coster or other members of the NZ Police/NZ Defence Force and the contents of the discussions, emails, text messages, phone calls and minutes of meetings between the below mentioned ODESC. Communications sought above are directly related to the Wellington Protest between 1st February 2022 and Current date of writing for transparency. These communications requested also need to include any debriefs held between any of the above mentioned parties of interest specifically once the Wellington Protest ended.”

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to the Prime Minister. Consequently, I have also extended the time limits of your request by an additional 5 working days in order to make this transfer. The extension is necessary in order to undertake consultations with the Prime Minister's Office on the transfer of your request.

The Prime Minister has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Business Services