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Tēnā koe Mohammed Khan

Thank you for your email of 19 June 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

A request was made on May 16 for all communications and documents related to a statement you made. <https://fyi.org.nz/request/19356-nz-government-support-for-the-murder-of-shireen-abu-akleh-and-the-attack-on-her-funeral#incoming-74343>

A 'response' was not sent until two days after it was legally due, on the 16th on June (vs. the 14th of June).

That 'response' was not responsive to the request, purporting to be a summary response to the question, but not summarizing any of the communications that occurred, edits to the original draft, etc, instead only stating that "A small number of emails were sent", which was obvious without my making the request, or your expending taxpayer money on obfuscating the response. I expect an actual response Monday, or I will be taking this deliberate failure to respond to the original request up with the Ombudsman.

As a new, separate request, I am requesting all communications related to the handling of the original OIA request, as copies of the documents in question in electronic form.

Attached is the document relevant to your request, some information is withheld under s9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect individuals' privacy; and s9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA, for the protection of Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

I also wanted to extend my apologies for the delay in getting back to you on time for your original OIA request. This was due to administrative reasons.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Mahuta'.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minita Take Aorere / Minister of Foreign Affairs