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Tēnā koe Felix Lee

On 1 November 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *I would like to request any correspondents, memos, minutes, or other documents that relates to Dosh mobile wallet app, its founders Shane Marsh, James McEniery, and the company MCA Investments Limited and its staff.*

On 29 November 2022, the Ministry emailed you to advise that more time was required to respond to your request. The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Thank you for your confirmation that staff names under tier four are out of scope of your request. You will note that these have therefore been redacted.

You will note that the information regarding some individuals is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

You will find enclosed the email correspondence regarding the Dosh mobile wallet app that the Ministry holds, between its founders Shane Marsh, James McEniery, and the company MCA Investments Limited and its staff and the Ministry.

The Ministry did not take minutes for the meeting on 18 March 2022 at 11:30am between the Team Leader for Building and Financial Capability and the founders of Dosh Mobile Wallet App, but can advise that the discussion covered during this meeting was regarding the background to the development of Dosh Mobile Wallet app and who had supported this project.

The Ministry advised that while the app sounded interesting it wasn't something that we would be looking to support as our focus is on the community providers' delivery of financial capability services.

The Ministry followed up the engagement with Dosh by passing on to the Ministry's Information Technology Services for consideration. This information can be seen in the attached emails. This proposed project did not go any further within the Ministry.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachment on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response on the Dosh mobile wallet app correspondence, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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