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Dear Mr Harris

Official Information Act Request

I refer to your email of 11 May 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) “all documents (including briefings, correspondence, policy advice etc) on same-sex marriage”.

The table attached to this letter sets out the documents that fall within the scope of your request. You will see some information is withheld under the grounds set out in the Act. The relevant sections of the Act are listed in the fourth column of the table. I am satisfied that there are no other public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the information available.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman, about the decision to withhold some of the information requested.

Yours sincerely



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Ministry of Justice

Table of Documents

No	Document	Date	Comments regarding release / withholding of information under the Official Information Act 1982
	Civil Union Act 2004 – Email to the Minister	26 April 2005	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
1.	Civil Union Act 2004 – Letter from the Minister	2 June 2005	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
2.	Request for information – Email chain	15 Sep 2005	Correspondence from individual, names of DIA officials and names of MoJ staff members withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
3.	Civil Union Act – Email chain	11 Jan 2006	Correspondence from individual and names of staff members withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. Pages 2 and 3 and sections of page 1 and 4 deemed out of scope of the request.
	Same sex marriages – Letter to the Minister	31 Jan 2006	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
4.	Same sex marriages – Letter from the Minister	31 Mar 2006	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
5.	Witnessing a marriage in Quebec – Email chain	28 July 2006	Correspondence from individual, names of MFAT officials and names of MoJ staff members withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
6.	Recognition of spouse – Email chain	23 Mar 2007	Correspondence from international organisations withheld under sections 6(a) and 6(b)(ii) of the Act to protect New Zealand’s international relations and the entrusting of information to the Government in confidence from any international organisation. Names of MFAT officials and names of MoJ staff members withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
	Same-sex couples and the Marriage Act 1955 – Letter from the Minister	24 June 2007	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
7.	Same-sex couples and the Marriage Act 1955 – Letter from the Minister	29 Aug 2007	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
	Recognition of Dutch same-sex partnerships in New Zealand – Email	5 Oct 2007	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
8.	Recognition of Dutch same-sex partnerships in New Zealand – Email	Oct 2007	Name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
9.	Gay marriage question – Email chain	4 Dec 2007	Correspondence from individual, names of MSD officials and names of MoJ staff members withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

	Same-sex marriage – Letter from the Minister	3 Nov 2008	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
10.	Same-sex marriage – Letter from the Minister	Nov 2008	Name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
	Same-sex Marriage – Letter to the Minister	Sep 2010	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
11.	Same-sex Marriage – Letter from the Minister	Oct 2010	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
	Same-sex Marriage – Email to the Minister	11 Oct 2010	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
	Adoption and Marriage law – Email to the Minister	30 Oct 2010	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
12.	Same-sex Marriage – Letter from the Minister	8 Nov 2010	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
13.	Adoption and Marriage law – Letter from the Minister	8 Dec 2010	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
	Same-sex Marriage – Email to the Minister	3 Jan 2011	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
14.	Same-sex Marriage – Letter from the Minister	Jan 2011	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
	Adoption and marriage law – Email to the Minister	30 July 2011	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
15.	Same-sex marriage and adopting campaign – Email chain	24 Aug 2011	Correspondence from individual and names of MoJ staff members withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
16.	Adoption and marriage law – Letter from the Minister	27 Sep 2011	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
	Same-sex marriage – Email to the Minister	28 Sep 2011	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
	Same-sex marriage – Email to the Minister	30 Sep 2011	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
	Adoption and marriage law – Email to the Minister	3 Oct 2011	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
	Same-sex marriage – Email to the Minister	6 Oct 2011	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
17.	Civil Union – Email chain	7 Oct 2011	Names of MoJ staff members withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
18.	Same-sex marriage – Letter from the Minister	Oct 2011	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

19.	Adoption and marriage law – Letter from the Minister	Oct 2011	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
20.	Same-sex marriage – Letter from the Minister	Oct 2011	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
21.	Same-sex marriage – Letter from the Minister	20 Oct 2011	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
	Same-sex marriage – Email to the Minister	30 Nov 2011	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
22.	Same-sex marriage – Letter from the Minister	Dec 2011	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
23.	Marriage and adoption laws – Email chain	8 Feb 2012	Names of MoJ staff members withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.
24.	Current issues around marriage - Advice to the Prime Minister (Draft document)	Feb 2012	Released in full
25.	Current issues around marriage - Advice to the Prime Minister (Final document)	23 Feb 2012	Released in full
	GLTBI Issues raised by Rainbow Wellington – Letter to the Minister	28 Feb 2012	Withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons
26.	GLTBI Issues raised by Rainbow Wellington – Letter from the Minister	Mar 2012	Address and name of recipient withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.