

## Peter R Hill

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 July 2023 4:19 pm  
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**Cc:** Robert Muir  
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**Attachments:** DOIA22-115 Response with replacement presentation including speaking notes.docx

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Tena koe,

I requested the following information on 11 January 2022:

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On 11 March 2022, Land Information New Zealand supplied at large amount of information that was not within the scope of the original request. Within this large collection was one document relevant to the request (the slideshow to accompany the speech), however the main document requested was not supplied; namely the speech notes themselves.

Please note that the requested information was already long overdue when the supply of the unwanted information was made.

To see the request and reply, use the following link:

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Please note that the information supplied included many items but did not include the speech notes that had been originally requested. At the request of the Office of the Ombudsman, I am directly pointing out that the key information requested on 11 January 2022 was not supplied.

Naku noa, na,

Craig Innes

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On 11 March 2022, Land Information New Zealand supplied a large amount of information that was not within the scope of the original request. Within this large collection was one document relevant to the request (the slideshow to accompany the speech), however the main document requested was not supplied; namely the speech notes themselves.

Please note that the requested information was already long overdue when the supply of the unwanted information was made.

To see the request and reply, use the following link:

<https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffyi.org.nz%2Frequest%2F18119-rgl-speech-notes&data=05%7C01%7Crmuir%40linz.govt.nz%7Cd96ccdb9b63b4a6e9b5208db784d8ea2%7C2134e9617e384c34a22b10da5466b725%7C0%7C0%7C638236046719590650%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAilCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3ygSWmH7W5PQIoElqN1DPSq0S9LCxjfo4xZHJIREZB4%3D&reserved=0>

Please note that the information supplied included many items but did not include the speech notes that had been originally requested. At the request of the Office of the Ombudsman, I am directly pointing out that the key information requested on 11 January 2022 was not supplied.

Naku noa, na,

Craig Innes

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This is an Official Information request made via the FYI website.

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## Peter R Hill

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**From:** Rachel Kleinsman <Rachel.Kleinsman@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 March 2022 9:44 pm  
**To:** Peter R Hill  
**Subject:** RE: DOIA 22-115 Craig Innes

Thanks for this Pete – no comments from me.

Rachel Kleinsman | Private Secretary (Land Information)  
Office of Hon Damien O'Connor  
Parliament Buildings | Wellington 6160 | P: 04 817 8891 | M: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Peter R Hill [mailto:prhill@linz.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 3:55 PM  
**To:** Rachel Kleinsman <Rachel.Kleinsman@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** DOIA 22-115 Craig Innes

Hi Rachel

FYI attached is our proposed response to the above OIA request *"For all speech notes, internal communications (including with Ministers) relating to the presentation by the Registrar General of Land at the 'Ease of Doing Business' conference in Beijing."*

The response will be sent on Friday 11 March.

You will note from the attached Cover memo we have consulted with both MFAT and MBIE

Pete

### Pete Hill

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	DOIA ref no.	DOIA22-115
	Prepared by	Robbie Muir
	Due to MSOC	10/03/2022

**SUMMARY**

<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>This memorandum has been prepared to inform you of the recommended response to an Official Information Act request. It provides background information and context for you to approve the response.</p>
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<p><b>Actions required</b></p> <p><b>Agree</b> to the recommended response to the requester.</p> <p><b>Agree</b> the information and/or documents to be released.</p> <p><b>Agree</b> with the recommendation on whether the OIA response should be published on the LINZ website</p> <p><b>Sign</b> this memo and attached response letter.</p>
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<b>Request details</b>	
Date received	7/01/2022
Requester	Craig Innes
Information requested	<i>"all speech notes, internal communications (including with Ministers) relating to the presentation by the Registrar General of Land at the 'Ease of Doing Business' conference in Beijing".</i>
Date clarified/extended	Click here to enter a date.

<b>Decision recommendation</b>			
Release in full (no redactions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charge	<input type="checkbox"/>
Release in part (some redactions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Refuse request	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (details provided in analysis)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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**ANALYSIS**

**Scope**

All information pertaining to the RGL's presentation at the World Bank sponsored conference event in Beijing in November 2019, including related correspondence with MFAT and MBIE.

**Information released and context**

All information pertaining to the RGL's presentation at the World Bank sponsored conference event in Beijing in November 2019, including related correspondence with MFAT and MBIE, subject to the redaction of some staff contact details and phone numbers at the request of MFAT and MBIE.

**Risks**

**Departmental risks**

N/A

**Media or political risks**      *Talk to MSOC about consulting Strategic Communications*

N/A

**Proposed redactions**      *Talk to MSOC about whether you need to consult Legal Services*

MFAT and MBIE have been consulted on the information we propose to release and have requested that some redactions be made relating to staff contact details and phone numbers to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned.

We've considered public interest and confirmed that the reason for withholding is not outweighed by the public interest.

I consulted with Pete Hill, MSOC on the proposed redactions.

**Consultation** - *E-mails containing consultation **must** be uploaded to the respective Objective folder*

MSOC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Legal Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strategic Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other business groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minister – (done through MSOC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	External	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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### Additional information

The requestor, Craig Innes, has made numerous OIA requests seeking a broad range of information in recent years.

The time frame for a response was extended to 14 March 2022 in this case to allow time for consultation with other agencies (MFAT and MBIE).

**Publishing the OIA response on the Toitū Te Whenua website** - For guidance on what you need to consider for publishing an OIA is available at <https://linzone/id:A3910369> and <https://linzone/id:A3857690>

It is recommended that this OIA response not be published on the Toitū Te Whenua website because it is not of high public value.

### Attachments

Copies of relevant emails and relevant internal and external correspondence as saved here:



Documents for release (subject to MF)

## APPROVAL

### Quality assurance *To be completed by the author/peer reviewer*



All relevant information has been collated and considered in the response	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memo has sufficient detail for the approver to make an informed decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
The cover letter adequately addresses the queries and provides context as appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media, political and reputational risks have been identified and mitigated <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appropriate consultation has been undertaken	<input type="checkbox"/>
The decision complies with the requirements of the <a href="#">Official Information Act 1982</a> and LINZ <a href="#">OIA standards</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
The letter is error free and written in plain English	<input type="checkbox"/>
Documents are securely redacted (if relevant)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Webform has been completed if the OIA response is to be published on the Toitū Te Whenua website	<input type="checkbox"/>

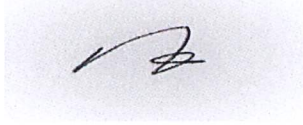
<sup>1</sup> Must be in consultation with Legal Services.



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I confirm that the requirements of the checklist above have been complied with.

_____ Name of author	_____ Signature	_____ Date
Pete Hill		9-3-2022
_____ Name of peer reviewer <sup>2</sup>	_____ Signature	_____ Date
Robbie Muir		9 March 2022
_____ Name of manager	_____ Signature	_____ Date

Approval by delegated decision maker <sup>3</sup>		
I approve the dispatch of this response to the requester	<b>YES</b>	
I agree with the recommendation on whether the OIA response should be published on the LINZ website because it is of high public value (NB: recommendation is that it <b>not</b> be published)	<b>YES</b>	
RGL Title	Robbie Muir Name	 Signature
		9 March 2022 Date

<sup>2</sup> Peer reviewer should have an understanding of the content and have completed OIA training.

<sup>3</sup> Decision makers are those who have decision making approval delegated by the Chief Executive. The full list of powers and functions, and approved delegated employees, can be found [here](#).

## Peter R Hill

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**From:** Peter R Hill  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 3:20 pm  
**To:** Donna Williams-Stewart; Chris Monteith; Anna Pethig; Mitchell Bidois; Jennifer Parks; Tony Promphong; Berny Fischer  
**Cc:** Robert Muir  
**Subject:** Official Information Act Request concerning the 'Ease of Doing Business' conference in Beijing.

Hi folks

We have received the following request under the Official Information Act 1982.

*"For all speech notes, internal communications (including with Ministers) relating to the presentation by the Registrar General of Land at the 'Ease of Doing Business' conference in Beijing."*

The documentation being released contains your name and work contact details, primarily your email address.

LINZ's policy is that a staff member's name and work contact details can only be withheld if a real likelihood of harm can be identified, such as safety concern. This policy accords with the advice of the Office of the Ombudsman.

The documentation will be released later this week.

Please contact me urgently if you have any concerns over your name and work contact details being released.

Pete

### Pete Hill

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## Peter R Hill

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**From:** Robert Muir  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 11:44 am  
**To:** Peter R Hill  
**Subject:** RE: NAD response: LINZ OIA Request re World Bank Conference in Beijing

Thanks, Pete. Sounds like it's all good to go so I'll sign out the coversheet and response letter now.

Thanks  
Robbie

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**From:** Peter R Hill <[prhill@linz.govt.nz](mailto:prhill@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 10:38 a.m.  
**To:** Robert Muir <[rmuir@linz.govt.nz](mailto:rmuir@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: NAD response: LINZ OIA Request re World Bank Conference in Beijing

Thanks Robbie

I have fixed that document 😊

I will email the LINZ staff advising them of the OIA and that their name and work contact details are being release as part of the response.

Pete

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**From:** Robert Muir <[rmuir@linz.govt.nz](mailto:rmuir@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 10:01 a.m.  
**To:** Peter R Hill <[prhill@linz.govt.nz](mailto:prhill@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: NAD response: LINZ OIA Request re World Bank Conference in Beijing

Hi Pete

Many thanks for your help with this – much appreciated.

I've reviewed the documents for release and proposed redactions and there's only one tweak I think we need to make. On the attached document we've redacted both the landline and cell phone numbers for Ross van der Schyff and Deborah Lynch, which is consistent with MFAT's advice but inconsistent with MBIE's (which is to redact mobile numbers only). I think we should follow MBIE's advice and redact only the mobile numbers for Ross and Deborah as they are MBIE employees. When we share a copy of the response with MFAT we can explain this.

The only other query I had was whether we should let the other LINZ employees who have names and contact numbers included in some of these emails know that we are releasing this information. This includes Berny Fischer, Bradon Doyle, Donna Williams-Stewart, Tony Prompong and Jo Davey. (I've already let Emma and Natalie know)

Thanks  
Robbie

**Robbie Muir**  
Registrar-General of Land  
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**From:** Peter R Hill <[prhill@linz.govt.nz](mailto:prhill@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 9:13 a.m.  
**To:** Robert Muir <[rmuir@linz.govt.nz](mailto:rmuir@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: NAD response: LINZ OIA Request re World Bank Conference in Beijing

Hi Robbie

I have now completed the required redaction and watermarked the documents.

Attached is the folders of highlighted documents and a second folder of the documents for release.

Let me know if I have overlooked anything.

If not once you have signed out the response and I will forward it to Rachel as FYI in advance of sending it to the requester.

Pete

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**From:** Robert Muir <[rmuir@linz.govt.nz](mailto:rmuir@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 March 2022 3:45 p.m.  
**To:** Peter R Hill <[prhill@linz.govt.nz](mailto:prhill@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: NAD response: LINZ OIA Request re World Bank Conference in Beijing

Yes, that's how I would read it – ie MFAT or MBIE staff phone numbers generally (though there probably aren't many others that crop up in the correspondence other than those mentioned?) . We can always touch base with Cameron if we want to double check this.

Cheers  
Robbie

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**From:** Peter R Hill <[prhill@linz.govt.nz](mailto:prhill@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 March 2022 3:24 p.m.  
**To:** Robert Muir <[rmuir@linz.govt.nz](mailto:rmuir@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: NAD response: LINZ OIA Request re World Bank Conference in Beijing

Robbie

Do you think the reference to phone numbers highlighted below extends to other phone numbers than those specifically called out in the other three bullet points?

Pete

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**From:** SCRAGG, Cameron (ESD) <[Cameron.Scragg@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Cameron.Scragg@mfat.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 February 2022 11:29 a.m.  
**To:** Robert Muir <[rmuir@linz.govt.nz](mailto:rmuir@linz.govt.nz)>; Peter R Hill <[prhill@linz.govt.nz](mailto:prhill@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** THORNER, Owen (ESD) <[Owen.Thorner@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Owen.Thorner@mfat.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: NAD response: LINZ OIA Request re World Bank Conference in Beijing

[SEEMAIL] [RESTRICTED]

Kia ora Robert/Peter,

Please find the suggestions for redactions below. The redactions changed on this one during sign out which is why there is a delay.

Ngā mihi

**Cameron Scragg (he/him)**

**Adviser**

Executive Services Division

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade | Manatū Aorere

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**From:** LAWRENCE, Natasha (NAD) <[Natasha.Lawrance@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Natasha.Lawrance@mfat.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 February 2022 11:08 am  
**To:** SCRAGG, Cameron (ESD) <[Cameron.Scragg@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Cameron.Scragg@mfat.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** EVANS, David (NAD) <[David.Evans@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:David.Evans@mfat.govt.nz)>; GREY, Laura (NAD) <[Laura.Grey@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Laura.Grey@mfat.govt.nz)>; COGHILL, Lucy (BEI) <[Lucy.Coghill@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Lucy.Coghill@mfat.govt.nz)>; BALLANTINE, Colin (AKL) <[Colin.Ballantine@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Colin.Ballantine@mfat.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** NAD response: LINZ OIA Request re World Bank Conference in Beijing

[RESTRICTED]

Morena Cameron

Thanks for your patience on this OIA. We have discussed in NAD and agree with LINZ that there aren't sufficient grounds for withholding most of the material under 6a. However we do wish to redact the following references under privacy grounds:

- Email from Colin Ballantine (MFAT) sent 20 August 2019. Redact personal contact details of Liu li under 9 (2) (A).
- Email from Mary Gordon (LINZ) sent 10 September 2019. Redact Gemma Carruther's personal contact details under 9 (2) (A).
- Email from Deborah Lynch (MBIE) sent 1 November 2019. Redact Ross Van Der Schyff's personal contact details under 9 (2) (A).
- Staff Phone numbers under 9 (2) (a)

David, as UM, has confirmed his comfort with this approach.

Please let us know if you require anything further.

Kind regards  
Natasha

Ngā mihi nui

**Natasha Lawrance (she/her)**

**Policy Officer**

North Asia Division

New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade | Manatū Aorere

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**Peter R Hill**

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**From:** Robert Muir  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 9 March 2022 11:44 am  
**To:** Peter R Hill  
**Subject:** Multiple Documents - "DOIA22-115 Coversheet" (A4822679), "DOIA22-155 OIA Response" (A4822538)  
**Attachments:** ObjRef.obr

All signed off

Cheers  
Robbie

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## OIA EXTENSION APPROVAL COVERSHEET



 <b>Land Information New Zealand</b> <i>Toitū te whenua</i>	<b>MSOC-assigned ref no.</b>	DOIA 22-115
	<b>Author</b>	Pete Hill

<b>Decision</b> (please select one)	Extension
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<b>Requestor name</b>	Craig Innes
<b>Title or subject details</b>	Requesting "all speech notes, internal communications (including with Ministers) relating to the presentation by the Registrar General of Land at the 'Ease of Doing Business' conference in Beijing."

<b>Consultation</b> - teams or agencies consulted
MFAT

<b>Quality assurance – check the document meets the following standard</b>
<p><b>Language elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paragraphs are mostly short and focus on one topic.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sentences are mostly short and straightforward.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Words are precise and familiar to the reader.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tone supports the purpose of the document.</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The layout and presentation helps the reader absorb the messages quickly and easily.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The document is error-free.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The document is consistent with LINZ's style guide.</li> </ul>

Reviewed by	Name	Signature	Date
Author	Pete Hill		9-2-2022
Approved by (circle one)	Name	Signature	Date
Registrar General of Lands	Robbie Muir	<i>Robbie Muir</i> 	9-2-2022

**Scan and store the completed coversheet in the Objective folder**

## Peter R Hill

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**From:** Robert Muir  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 February 2022 5:08 pm  
**To:** Ministerial Support  
**Cc:** Peter R Hill; Robert Andrell; LINZ Media  
**Subject:** RE: OIA allocation confirmation for DOIA 22-115 Due to MSOC: Thursday, 10 February 2022.  
**Attachments:** RE: Status Update visit to China

Kia ora Pete

I'm in the process of gathering the relevant info for this OIA response. I'll need to touch base with MFAT on the material we propose to release as they co-ordinated our involvement in the Beijing conference and much of the related correspondence is between LINZ and MFAT officials.

The request also asks for any communications with our Minister about this conference. The only relevant material I'm aware of is the related update we included in the Status Report after this event (I think in mid-Dec 2019 – see attached draft). I assume we'll need to engage with the Minister's office about releasing a copy of the relevant status item. Can Ministerial Support please dig out the relevant Status Report (I don't have access) and follow-up with Minister's office on this?

I'll keep you posted on how I get on with MFAT – if they're not able to respond within our usual OIA deadline we may need to consider seeking an extension.

Thanks  
Robbie

### Robbie Muir

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**From:** Ministerial Support <ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Monday, 10 January 2022 9:38 a.m.

**To:** Robert Andrell <randrell@linz.govt.nz>

**Cc:** Robert Muir <rmuir@linz.govt.nz>; Peter R Hill <prhill@linz.govt.nz>; LINZ Media <media@linz.govt.nz>

**Subject:** OIA allocation confirmation for DOIA 22-115 Due to MSOC: Thursday, 10 February 2022.

Kia ora Rob,

DOIA 22-115 has been allocated to you. This is due to MSOC on **Thursday, 10 February 2022.**



Please see the information below to assist you in processing this Official Information Act (OIA) response. A member of the Ministerial Support and Official Correspondence (MSOC) team will meet with you in approx. 3 days to discuss the scope of the request and to provide you with assistance in responding.

**REQUEST:**

**Requester:** Craig Innes, Individual

**Summary of request:** Requesting all speech notes, internal communications (including with Ministers) relating to the presentation by the Registrar General of Land at the 'Ease of Doing Business' conference in Beijing.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR RESPONDING:**

Complete an OIA approval memo  
Ensure your response meets the OIA standards

Templates and guidance material on how to progress your response, and the OIA process at LINZ, can be found on Whatukura at [Official Information Act requests](#).

**CONSULTATION:**

MSOC need to be consulted on whether any proposed redactions need to be made and the grounds under the OIA that the information can be withheld. If necessary MSOC may refer you to Legal Services. MSOC can also provide advise as to whether it is necessary for you to consult with Strategic Communications.

NB All consultation emails should be saved into the attached Objective folder

**PUBLISHING THE OIA RESPONSE ON THE TOITŪ TE WHENUA WEBSITE**

Toitū Te Whenua is required to publish OIA responses on our website, as per the expectations set out by Te Kawa Mataaho.

To comply with this requirement, consideration needs to be given whether the OIA response should be published because it is of high public value as it:

- is useful or meaningful to the public
- provides insight into the work we do
- fosters transparency and openness
- allows accountability of officials and Ministers

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**RESPONSE READY TO SEND:**

Please save the signed response letter, the information to be released and signed memo into the objective folder and email MSOC to let us know it is ready to send to the requester.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,  
Polonga

## Ministerial Support

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**From:** Fiona Morris  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 January 2022 12:09 pm  
**To:** Robert Andrell; Ministerial Support  
**Cc:** Robert Muir; Peter R Hill; LINZ Media; Misty Knowles  
**Subject:** RE: OIA allocation confirmation for DOIA 22-115 Due to MSOC: Thursday, 10 February 2022.

**Categories:** To file, Polonga

Kia ora all  
Similarly we haven't heard of this conference in the comms team and are keen to review any material before it's released.  
Ngā mihi  
Fiona

**Fiona Morris (she/her)**  
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**From:** Robert Andrell <[randrell@linz.govt.nz](mailto:randrell@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 January 2022 5:08 p.m.  
**To:** Ministerial Support <[ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz](mailto:ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Robert Muir <[rmuir@linz.govt.nz](mailto:rmuir@linz.govt.nz)>; Peter R Hill <[prhill@linz.govt.nz](mailto:prhill@linz.govt.nz)>; LINZ Media <[media@linz.govt.nz](mailto:media@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: OIA allocation confirmation for DOIA 22-115 Due to MSOC: Thursday, 10 February 2022.

Thanks Polonga,

I have done a little research in LinZone and not found very much so far. I suspect I will need Robbie's assistance.

Fortunately Robbie is due back from 24 January, leaving plenty of time to respond by the due date.

Ngā mihi,  
Rob

**Robert Andrell (he/him)**  
**Senior Solicitor**

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**From:** Ministerial Support <[ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz](mailto:ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 January 2022 9:38 a.m.  
**To:** Robert Andrell <[randrell@linz.govt.nz](mailto:randrell@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Robert Muir <[rmuir@linz.govt.nz](mailto:rmuir@linz.govt.nz)>; Peter R Hill <[prhill@linz.govt.nz](mailto:prhill@linz.govt.nz)>; LINZ Media <[media@linz.govt.nz](mailto:media@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** OIA allocation confirmation for DOIA 22-115 Due to MSOC: Thursday, 10 February 2022.

Kia ora Rob,

DOIA 22-115 has been allocated to you. This is due to MSOC on **Thursday, 10 February 2022**.

Please see the information below to assist you in processing this Official Information Act (OIA) response. A member of the Ministerial Support and Official Correspondence (MSOC) team will meet with you in approx. 3 days to discuss the scope of the request and to provide you with assistance in responding.

**REQUEST:**

**Requester:** Craig Innes, Individual

**Summary of request:** Requesting all speech notes, internal communications (including with Ministers) relating to the presentation by the Registrar General of Land at the 'Ease of Doing Business' conference in Beijing.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR RESPONDING:**

Complete an OIA approval [memo](#)  
Ensure your response meets the [OIA standards](#)

Templates and guidance material on how to progress your response, and the OIA process at LINZ, can be found on Whatukura at [Official Information Act requests](#).

**CONSULTATION:**

MSOC need to be consulted on whether any proposed redactions need to be made and the grounds under the OIA that the information can be withheld. If necessary MSOC may refer you to Legal Services. MSOC can also provide advise as to whether it is necessary for you to consult with Strategic Communications.

NB All consultation emails should be saved into the attached Objective folder

**PUBLISHING THE OIA RESPONSE ON THE TOITŪ TE WHENUA WEBSITE**

Toitū Te Whenua is required to publish OIA responses on our website, as per the expectations set out by Te Kawa Mataaho.

To comply with this requirement, consideration needs to be given whether the OIA response should be published because it is of high public value as it:

- is useful or meaningful to the public
- provides insight into the work we do
- fosters transparency and openness
- allows accountability of officials and Ministers

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Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,  
Polonga

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## Ministerial Support

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**From:** Robert Andrell  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 January 2022 9:06 am  
**To:** Ministerial Support  
**Cc:** Robert Muir  
**Subject:** RE: Official Information request - RGL speech notes

**Categories:** Pending, Polonga

Morena Polonga, and best wishes for 2022 😊

Yes this will be for the RGL team, and please allocate it to me.

And can you please advise the time frame to respond?

Cheers  
Rob  
Robert Andrell (he/him)  
Senior Solicitor

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ministerial Support <ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz>  
Sent: Monday, 10 January 2022 9:02 a.m.  
To: Robert Andrell <randrell@linz.govt.nz>  
Cc: Robert Muir <rmuir@linz.govt.nz>  
Subject: FW: Official Information request - RGL speech notes

Ata mārie Rob,

The below OIA has been received. Could you please let me know if this one is for the RGL team and whom it can be allocated to if it is?

Ngā mihi,  
Polonga

-----Original Message-----

From: Ministerial Support

Sent: Monday, 10 January 2022 9:01 a.m.  
To: Robert Muir <rmuir@linz.govt.nz>  
Subject: FW: Official Information request - RGL speech notes

Ata mārie Robbie,

We've received the below OIA request. Is this one for your team? If so, whom can it be allocated to?

Ngā mihi,  
Polonga

-----Original Message-----

From: Craig Innes <fyi-request-18119-c5a3551d@requests.fyi.org.nz>  
Sent: Friday, 7 January 2022 8:04 p.m.  
To: Ministerial Support <ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz>  
Subject: Official Information request - RGL speech notes

Dear Land Information New Zealand,

This is a request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Please supply all speech notes, internal communications (including with Ministers) relating to the presentation by the Registrar General of Land at the 'Ease of Doing Business' conference in Beijing.

Yours faithfully,

Craig Innes

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This is an Official Information request made via the FYI website.

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:

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Is ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz the wrong address for Official Information requests to Land Information New Zealand? If so, please contact us using this form:

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