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By email: fyi-request-24987-6c95e833@requests.fyi.org.nz

Official Information Act 1982 request – Information about meeting with the new Minister

Dear T Murray

This letter responds to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) on 1 December 2023 requesting information about the first meeting between Sport NZ officials and the new Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hon Chris Bishop. For ease of response, each question will be answered in turn.

- o The date, time and location of your initial meeting with the new Minister for your department;*
- o A list of attendees at this meeting*

Hon Chris Bishop, Minister for Sport and Recreation, diary has been published here on the [parliamentary website](#). Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information is publicly available.

- o The cost of any flights and accommodation for staff who reside outside of wellington to attend this meeting*

The total cost of flights to attend the meeting was \$1,011.44. No accommodation was required.

- o Any documentation provided at the meeting*

There were no documents provided at the meeting, therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the document/s do not exist.

- o All notes (including handwritten notes) taken at the meeting by department staff;*
- o A copy of any emails sent by department attendees or all staff communications regarding the meeting with the new Minister.*

Please find attached as Appendix One, a copy of all emails relating to the meeting.

Some information withheld under section 9(g)(i) of the Act to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons. In accordance with section 9(1) of the OIA I have considered whether there are countervailing public interest considerations in favour of releasing this information. I do not believe such considerations exist in this instance.

Further information is withheld as outside of scope as it does not relate to the request.

Please note that if you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA. Information about how to contact the Ombudsman is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or you can phone 0800 802 602.

Kind regards,



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