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30 JAN 2024

Alex Olsen
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OIA23-CB011

Dear Alex

Thank you for your email of 18 December 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Copies of all Cabinet papers discussing the review of Kainga Ora that was announced on 18 December 2023

Copies of all emails and other communications between you or your staff and other ministers or their staff discussing the Kainga Ora review.

The independent review into Kāinga Ora will report to the government by the end of March 2024. I will release the report and associated advice, including the Cabinet paper, at that time. Therefore, I am refusing the first part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as it will soon be made publicly available.

Regarding the second part of your request, I release to you copies of communications with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

Section of Act	Reason to withhold
9(2)(a)	To protect the privacy of natural persons
18(d)	Information is publicly available or will be publicly available soon
9(2)(g)(i)	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions

Please refer to Annex 1 for the document schedule.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister of Housing

Annex 1 – Documents Schedule

	Document type	Date	Title/Subject	Attachments	Parts of the Act applied
1	Email (screenshot)	1/12/2023	RE_Kainga Ora-Homes and Communities	N/A	9(2)(g)(i)
2	Email	8/12/2023	KO review draft terms of ref	N/A	18(d)
3	Signal message	12/12/2023	N/A	N/A	9(2)(g)(i)
4	Signal message	13/12/2023	N/A	N/A	9(2)(g)(i)
5	Signal message	13/12/2023	N/A	N/A	9(2)(g)(i)
6	Email	14/12/2023	Post-Cab	N/A	9(2)(a)
7	Signal message	17/12/2023	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	Email	18/12/2023	KO PR	N/A	9(2)(g)(i)
9	Email	18/12/2023	RE: KO PR	N/A	9(2)(a) 9(2)(g)(i)
10	Email	18/12/2023	UPDATED Review into Kainga Ora comms pack	<i>231218 Review into Kainga Ora comms pack.docx</i>	9(2)(g)(i)
11	Signal message	unknown	N/A	N/A	9(2)(g)(i)

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Out of Scope

From: [Tama Potaka](#)
To: [Matt Burgess](#)
Subject: Re: KO review draft terms of ref
Date: Friday, 8 December 2023 9:07:14 AM

This is in order to move it forward towards Cabinet.

Might be some amendments along the way.

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From: Matt Burgess <Matt.Burgess@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 7:02:00 AM
To: Tama Potaka <Tama.Potaka@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: KO review draft terms of ref

Hi Tama, here are draft terms of reference for the Cab paper:

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From: Jasmine Higginson
Sent: Thursday, 14 December 2023 1:01 PM
To: Mikaela Bossley; Sarah Walker; Matt Burgess
Cc: Hamish Rutherford; Lesley Hamilton
Subject: Post-Cab

Hi all,

As discussed with Mikaela, we would like to announce the KO review at the PM's post-Cabinet press conference on Monday.

For the PM's weekend bag, we will need draft remarks, backpocket Q&A and a draft PR in your Minister's name.

We will work on the draft remarks, but will need some talking points from your office on what we can say – can you please send talking points through by end of the day or first thing tomorrow morning?

For the backpocket Q&A and draft PR, can we please have that by 3pm at the latest tomorrow? The weekend bag will be closing shortly after that.

Thanks
Jasmine

Jasmine Higginson | SENIOR PRESS SECRETARY
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Parliament House, Parliament, Wellington 6011

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From: Chris Bishop
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:06 AM
To: Mikaela Bossley; Sarah Walker; Joshua Smith
Cc: Matt Burgess
Subject: KO PR



Importance: High

Here's what I want to say.

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From: Matt Burgess
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 3:23 AM
To: Chris Bishop; Mikaela Bossley; Sarah Walker; Joshua Smith
Subject: Re: KO PR

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Chief Policy Advisor
National Leader's Office
s 9(2)(a)

From: Chris Bishop <Christopher.Bishop@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:06:06 AM
To: Mikaela Bossley <Mikaela.Bossley@parliament.govt.nz>; Sarah Walker <Sarah.Walker@parliament.govt.nz>;
Joshua Smith <Joshua.Smith@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Matt Burgess <Matt.Burgess@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: KO PR

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Out of Scope

From: Mikaela Bossley
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 11:16 AM
To: Hamish Rutherford; Joanne Black
Cc: Joshua Smith; Matt Burgess; Sarah Walker; Rachael White
Subject: UPDATED Review into Kainqa Ora comms pack
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