

Reference: 20240366

26 June 2024

Sarah Allison
fyi-request-25972-c174d049@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sarah

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 24 May 2024. You requested:

correspondence between Bill English and Treasury officials.

Please narrow the request to focus only on substantive correspondence that deals with subject matter (i.e. ideas, statistics, analysis, meeting notes) and exclude anything simply administrative.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	1 March 2024	Email: Follow up to Meeting with KO Review Panel 1 March 2024	Release in part
2.	13 March 2024	Comments from Sir Bill English on KO Review - 13 March 2024	Release in part
3.	16 March 2024	Comments on draft report structure from Sir Bill English - 16 March 2024	Release in part

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of independent reviewers, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons,
- contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(g)(ii) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting Ministers, members of government organisations, officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment,

- advice still under consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials,
- certain sensitive advice, under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions, and
- direct dial phone numbers of officials, under section 9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure of information for improper gain or improper advantage.

Direct dial phone numbers of officials have been redacted under section 9(2)(k) in order to reduce the possibility of staff being exposed to phishing, social engineering and other scams. This is because information released under the OIA may end up in the public domain, for example, on websites including the Treasury's website.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely



Lucy Connell
Acting Manager, Housing and Urban Growth