

Hon Paul Goldsmith

Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
Minister of Justice
Minister for Media and Communications
Minister for State Owned Enterprises
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations



26 JUN 2024

Hugh J Coon

fyi-request-26651-6cc01067@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Hugh,

I refer to your request received on 6 May 2024, and subsequent follow-up email of 8 May 2024, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Your request and my response are below.

- **“Any and all correspondence you had on the appointment of Janitta Pilisi to [the] Creative NZ board / any other [appointee].**
- **Any correspondence between you and [Jannita Pilisi] or about her, with other MPs, National Party officials and bureaucrats.**
- **The decision making materials you received in relation to the appointment please and advice on conflict of interest etc**
- **All information received pertaining to the appointment.”**

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1	23 February 2024	BR24/089 - Briefing - CNZ appts 2024 APH paper for Pasifika member and Deputy Chair appts PDF	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a) & 9(2)(f)(iv).
2	20 February 2024	AM24/079 - Aide Memoire - CNZ appts 2024 Minister meeting with Deputy Chair (Michael Prentice) PDF	9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), & 9(2)(g)(i).
3	19 December 2023	BR23/500 Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa – appointments overview for upcoming Chair vacancy 2024	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), & 9(2)(h).
4	N/A	Excerpts of Combined ACH Reports	Some information removed as out of scope.
5	N/A	Combined Correspondence relating to CNZ Board Member Appointment	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv).

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

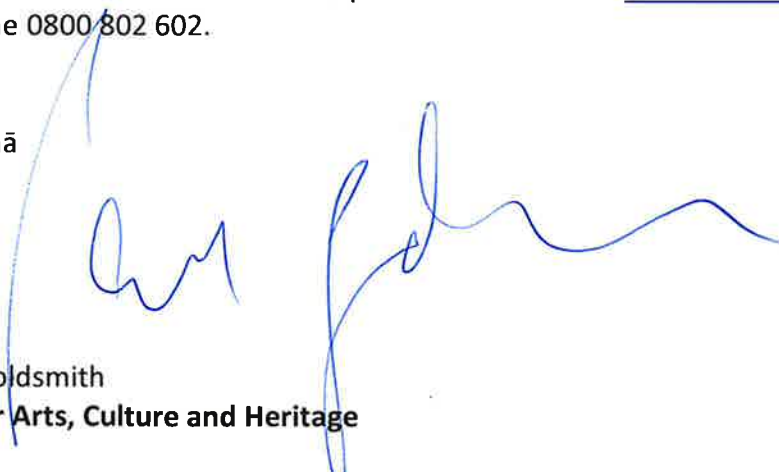
- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.
- section 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege.

Some information has been deleted where it is not within the scope of your request.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA. I do not consider that these considerations outweigh the need to withhold the information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available via www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Paul Goldsmith
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage