

Hon Paul Goldsmith

Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
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04 JUL 2024

Hugh Coon

By email: fyi-request-26651-6cc01067@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Hugh

I refer to your request received on 6 June 2024, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You requested the following information:

- **The names of those consulted as part of external consultation for your OIA of 6 May 2024**
- **All correspondence relating to external consultation of your OIA of 6 May 2024, up until 6 June 2024.**
- **All correspondence relating to the preparation of a response to your OIA of 6 May 2024, up until 6 June 2024.**

During the drafting of my response to your OIA of 6 May 2024, my Office has consulted with Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage, who have subsequently consulted with Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa (Creative New Zealand).

I am advised that Manatū Taonga consulted with Creative New Zealand through Elizabeth Beale – Co-Manager, Policy and Performance for Creative New Zealand. The names of Ministry Officials consulted are in the attached Appendix One.

The response to your original OIA was also sent to four current and past Arts Council Board members for their information. The names of these board members are attached on page 21 of Appendix One.

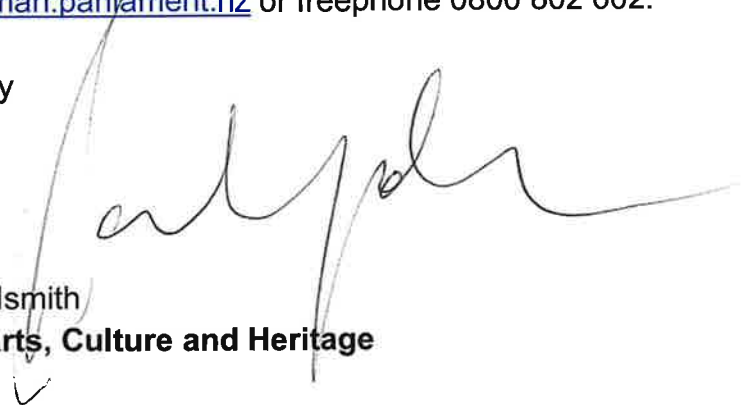
Please find enclosed (in Appendix One) all correspondence held by my Office, in scope of your request. I have decided to release these emails, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Additional documents covered by your request, specifically attachments to the correspondence mentioned above, have already been supplied to you (in response to your OIA of 6 May 2024).

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Goldsmith', written over a large, faint, light-colored watermark or bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

Hon Paul Goldsmith
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage