

1. Correspondence between EY and others, Hon Watts CCd, relating to an invitation to meet with Hon Watts and others. (05/12/2023-10/06/2024)

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Cc: Sandy Grove 9(2)(a) Jenny Chang
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Subject: RE: INV23-167.1 | RE: Infrastructure Plan Catch Up

Hi Elena

List of attendees for the meeting tomorrow morning. Chris Money will be in Auckland so I will bring a laptop that he can 'Teams in' on. Please advise if you would like me to adopt a different approach for Chris.

- Paul Melville – in person
- Sophie Dawson – in person
- Matt Lambourne – in person
- Chris Money – on Teams

Thanks and regards,
Paul

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Thanks Elena

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Hi Paul

Hon Chris Bishop is being represented by his advisor as he is unable to make the meeting. Hon Simon Watts is also unable to attend however the meeting will go ahead as planned with Hon Simeon Brown.

Kind regards
Elena



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Hi Elena
Thanks again for below. I just wanted to confirm we are still on for next Tuesday morning?
Thanks and regards, Paul

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Hi Paul

Hon Chris Bishop has confirmed his availability for the meeting on 11 June 2024 at 8.30am and I am awaiting confirmation from Hon Simon Watts's office. The meeting will still take place in Hon Simeon Brown's office.

Enjoy the rest of your day.

Kind regards
Elena



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Hi Paul

Thanks for your understanding. If we are unable to get the other Minister's along, I am sure Hon Simeon Brown's ministerial advisor can share any meeting notes.

Kind regards
Elena



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Hi Elena

Thank you for including Hon Chris Bishop and Hon Simon Watts within your response. I recognise how difficult it will be to get those three Ministers in the session in June.

Kind regards,

Paul

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Good morning Paul

Thank you for confirming your meeting with Hon Simeon Brown. I have included Hon Chris Bishop and Hon Simeon Watt's Senior Private Secretaries into my response who will let you know if Hon Simon Watts and Hon Chris Bishop are also able to attend. Please note however, it is not an easy task to get multi ministers in one place at the same time, given their busy schedules.

I look forward to receiving your agenda items.

Kind regards

Elena



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Subject: RE: INV23-167.1 | RE: Infrastructure Plan Catch Up

Hi Elena

Thank you for the invitation to meet with Hon Simeon Brown. I can confirm the appointment and that we will send through an agenda four weeks prior to the meeting.

It would be great if Hon Simon Watts and / or Hon Chris Bishop (as Minister of Infrastructure) could make the meeting.

Kind regards,
Paul

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Subject: RE: INV23-167.1 | RE: Infrastructure Plan Catch Up

Dear Paul

On behalf of Hon Simeon Brown, MP for Pakuranga, Minister of Transport, Minister of Local Government, Minister for Energy and Minister for Auckland, thank you for your email requesting a meeting with the Minister for an Infrastructure Plan catch-up on cross-market issues.

Hon Simeon Brown is available for a meeting with you in his parliamentary office in Wellington on Tuesday, 11 June 2024 at 8.30am for a 30 minute discussion. I have copied Hon Simon Watts into my email and he is most welcome to join the meeting if he is available.

Would you kindly reply to my email to confirm your appointment. Please send through an agenda or a short summary of the issues you wish to raise with the Minister four weeks prior to your scheduled meeting.

Please note: There are times when the Minister's diary changes due to unpredicted events. Although he is committed to keeping to his planned schedule, there are times where adjustments need to be made. In such cases, the Minister thanks you for your understanding and flexibility.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
Elena



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Subject: INV23-167.1 | RE: Infrastructure Plan Catch Up

Hi Simon and Simeon

Happy New Year. I am following up on the offer below. We would welcome an opportunity to catch up to discuss these and other infrastructure matters further. Please let me know if this is of interest and what timing would suit. Happy to meet early / late if that works.

Thanks and regards, Paul

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From: Paul Melville
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 5:42 PM
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Subject: Infrastructure Plan Catch Up

Hi Simon and Simeon

Congratulations on the recent election victory and your roles in the new government.

The three of us (along with other members of the EY Infrastructure team) caught up in August to discuss the National Party infrastructure plan. Since that catch up we have undertaken further work across a number of areas in the infrastructure strategy including developing our views on both cross market issues (e.g. getting to a decision quicker, multi-project packaging, procurement models, financing models, optimising the domestic contractor market, making NZ attractive to overseas contractors) and specific sector approaches (e.g. approach for three waters, transport procurement).

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Thanks and regards

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2. Correspondence between Ministerial Advisor and Senior Private Secretary to Hon Watts and Hon Watts relating to an event invitation from EY (28/01/2024)

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Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2024 9:53 PM
To: Jenny Chang 9(2)(a)
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Subject: Fwd: EY Tax Directors Forum - Monday 29 April

I will attend please

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From: Brad Wheeler 9(2)(a)
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2024 4:47:43 PM
To: Simon Watts <Simon.Watts@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: EY Tax Directors Forum - Monday 29 April

Hi Simon,

EY is hosting it's annual Tax Directors Forum on the Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April this year. This is the pre-eminent event for tax directors across the NZ market, and is an open forum generally with many different panels and presentations.

We would love if you were able to attend for a part of this, and we would work with you regarding the best forum/approach for your time joining us, if you were able to attend. This could take the form of an opening plenary / panel, a session through the afternoon, or a key note speech for the evenings dinner – whichever worked best for your timing and how you would like to engage.

The event will this year be held in the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell, Auckland. We start the event with an informal 'walk and fork' lunch, and then with kick off with our opening plenary around 1/130pm, and the event then continues for the afternoon of the Monday, into the evening, and the carries on Tuesday morning (but I appreciate Tuesday is a sitting day).

Please let me know if this would be possible for you to attend and we can liaise with you/staff as to the content/approach.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Regards,
Brad



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