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Ref: PMO 011-2024-25

Dear S Hill

Official Information Act request: Communications with Blackrock

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 16 July 2024. You requested:

“All communications between yourself or your offices and Blackrock”

Please note we have interpreted this request to be for communications between the Prime Minister or his officials with Blackrock, on matters pertaining to Blackrock’s connection with New Zealand.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	Various dates	What’s App messages between PM and Mark Wilson	Release with redactions under s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii) and s2(a)(ii), and for scope

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

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
- section 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information
- under section 2 which defines official information.

Please note there are also some redactions for matters which are out of scope of your request.

The Prime Minister and Mr Wilson are personal friends and some messages between them were of a personal nature. These have been redacted as they do not meet the test under section 2 of the Act for being official information.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



Cameron Burrows
Chief of Staff