



30 August 2024

Chris McCashin
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Ref: OIA-2024/25-0144

Dear Chris McCashin

Official Information Act request relating to Barry Young Correspondence

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 13 August 2024. You requested:

Can you please disseminate this OIA request to all NZ MPS who were in office on 30th October 2023 including Chris Luxon, David Seymour, Winston Peters et al and the rest.

On the 30th October 2023 all NZ MPs received an email from Barry Young asking them to stop the Covid-19 vaccine because he had identified serious safety signals with the vaccine due to the work as an administrator he was doing.

I understand none of the MPs responded?

Mr Young was arrested on 3rd December 2023.

Can you please provide

- All of the MPS emails to police, internally, memos formal and informal, correspondence with Health, Justice, Police, any specialist teams, other MPS any and all correspondence that MP had associated with this topic prior to Mr Youngs arrest on 3rd December.

Please note any and all information that DPMC deems not in this scope should be provided. Ultimately I want that MPS written correspondence about this topic for the month prior to Mr Youngs arrest

The Act applies to information held by central and local government and other organisations, including:

- ministers
- government departments and ministries
- crown entities
- district health boards
- state-owned enterprises
- tertiary education institutions
- school boards of trustees.

Organisations to which the Act applies to are set out in Schedule 1 of the Act: [Official Information Act 1982 No 156 \(as at 01 May 2023\), Public Act Schedule 1 Organisations \(additional to those named in Schedule 1 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975\) to which this Act applies – New Zealand Legislation](#)

Members of Parliament (MPs) are not subject to the Act, nor are emails from the public to MPs considered official information. Therefore, we are refusing your request as it is not for official information, as per section 2 of the Act.

If you are interested in information relating to a specific Minister or portfolio, I recommend contacting the relevant Minister or responsible agency directly. You can find contact details for all current Ministers and agencies here:

- [Ministers | Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/ministers)
- [Central government organisations - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](https://www.pps.govt.nz/central-government-organisations)

It is also worth noting that on the date specifically mentioned in your request, 30 October 2023, the National, ACT Party and NZ First coalition government had not yet been appointed.

Therefore, if you are interested in information relating to MPs that held ministerial portfolios on 30 October 2023, electronic communications from former Ministers offices are held by the Department of Internal Affairs.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Ward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Ward
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