



OIA24-427

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Dear Alan,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA24-427

Thank you for your email of 21 October 2024 regarding the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"I would like to request a copy of all correspondence between the Minister (including his office) and the Mayor (including her office) in relation to this meeting, including the request for the meeting and any scheduling.

Further, I request a copy of any briefings or notes provided to the Minister in advance of the meeting, as well as any notes, minutes, transcripts, recordings or other documents generated as a result of the meeting (such as emails or text messages, including exchanges between the Minister and other Cabinet colleagues and officials).

I also request any correspondence such as emails or text messages that the Minister may have received subsequently from the Mayor."

Response

Two items fall within scope of your request. A table of these documents are provided and the documents themselves are attached as **Appendix A**. I am releasing one of these documents to you in full and partially releasing one document, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of individuals. I did not receive any correspondence from the Mayor after the meeting took place.

Public interest test

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the withholding of information is outweighed by other public interest considerations which would make it desirable to make this information available. In this instance, I do not consider this to be the case.

Access to the Ombudsman

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 at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'B' connected by a horizontal line, followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government

Appendix A

#	Name of document	Document date	Decision	Withholding grounds
1.	Email: Meeting Request from the office of Mayor Tory Whanau	15 October 2024	Partial Release	9(2)(a)
2.	File Note: Meeting Between the Minister and Mayor Tory Whanau	17 October 2024	Release	-