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P Robins
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Dear P Robins,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA24-444

Thank you for your email of 27 October 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act (the Act):

“...any communications via any medium from October 2024 between your office, your staff members employed by Ministerial Services, and the following individuals: Kerry Prendergast, Neil Paviour-Smith, Patsy Reddy, Therese Walsh, and Fran Wilde.”

Response to your request

Appendix A below contains a list of all the communications I received from the individuals you have listed within the timeframe provided. The communications I received were in the form of text messages. Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Public interest considerations

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have given consideration to 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 that reads "Simeon Brown".

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government

Appendix A – Table of communications

Date	Sender	Message content
11 October 2024	Kerry Prendergast	“Minister – if I can be of and assistance with governance at WCC please ask. Regards, Kerry”
15 October 2024	Therese Walsh	“Hi Simeon. Therese Walsh here (Chair of AirNZ and ASB) I am in contact with 9(2)(a) about Wellington Council and we are meeting week after next 9(2)(a) as there is a large group of us getting together to go public on council. If you get a minute a quick chat might be useful so we can line up the various parts. Thanks Therese”
20 October 2024	Myself	Contact details of: Brian Anderton
	Therese Walsh	Thumbs up emoji
24 October 2024	Therese Walsh	“FYI – Vision for Wellington live to media tomorrow. Thanks”

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