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P Robins
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Dear P Robins,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA24-451, 452, 453 and 455

Thank you for your requests of 30 October 2024 for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

OIA24-451) all communications via any form or medium within your office including yourself and with other ministers and ministers office in relation to my OIA request on October 22 2024;

OIA24-452) any meeting notes and minutes recorded by you or your office for meetings held on 12 and 26 September 2024;

OIA24-453) any electronic messages via any medium sent or recieved by your office related to fast track consenting on 6 October 2024; and

OIA24-455) all electronic communications via any medium related to your press release entitled 'Next steps on Electrifying New Zealand' on 26 August 2024.

Response to your request

OIA24-451:

Searches of our information systems have not identified any communications within my office or with other Ministers' offices relating to your previous request OIA24-429. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document(s) alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

OIA24-452:

Neither I nor any members of my office hold a record of any meeting notes or minutes for the meetings held on 12 and 26 September. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document(s) alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

OIA24-453

Searches of our information systems have identified communications that fall in scope of your request. I am releasing these communications in full. These communications are attached as part of **Appendix A**.

OIA24-455

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Searches of our information systems have identified communications that fall in scope of your request. I am partially releasing these communications. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act. These communications are attached as part of **Appendix B**.

Consideration of public interest

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 that reads "Simeon Brown".

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Appendix A – Text messages between [S9(2)(a)] and Hon Simeon Brown

Date	Time	From	Text Message
6 October	17:09	[S9(2)(a)]	<i>“Good mix of projects on the fast track list”</i>

Appendix B – Text messages between Hon Simeon Brown and Hon Chris Bishop

Date	Time	From	Text Message
19 August	10:43	Hon Chris Bishop	<i>“Makes electrify hard for Wednesday am”</i>
		Hon Simeon Brown	<i>“It does”</i>
		Hon Chris Bishop	<i>“[S9(2)(g)(i)]”</i>
		Hon Simeon Brown	<i>“Yeah”</i>
		Hon Chris Bishop	<i>“why don’t I just announce it all in my LGNZ speech on Thursday. I’m basically going to run through everything in RM Bill 2 and the national direction changes.”</i>
		Hon Chris Bishop	<i>“Which includes all that stuff”</i>
		Hon Simeon Brown	<i>“That sounds like a good plan”</i>
		Hon Chris Bishop	<i>“It means it isn’t highlighted that much. [S9(2)(g)(i)]”</i>
Hon Simeon Brown	<i>“Let’s discuss after cab”</i>		