

12 May 2016

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Dear Mr Lawson

### Official Information Act request

We refer to your email dated 13 April 2016.

#### Your requests and commentary

Under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), you have requested:

- the Senior Advisor's name who prepared a memorandum for the ACC Private Secretary to Hon Paul Goldsmith, dated 28 September 2015
- two section 23 written statements of reasons.

You also:

- noted a discrepancy with some of the content of the above memorandum
- illustrated you had corresponded earlier with the Minister for ACC's office
- asked for a copy of your email to Hon Nikki Kaye dated 30 July 2015 for your records.

#### Our response

##### ***Disclosure of name of staff member***

It is ACC's practice not to release an ACC staff member's name below the position of a Chief Officer. In doing so, ACC has considered the public interest in making such information available and has determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Accordingly, ACC will not provide this information as there is a need to protect the staff member's privacy. This decision complies with section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

##### ***Commentary and section 23 written statements***

As you have requested, we will respond separately to the remaining matters, outlined above, care of your personal email address.

You have the right to complain to the Office of the Office of the Ombudsmen regarding our decision. This can be done by calling 0800 802 602, 9am to 5pm weekdays, or writing to: The Office of the Ombudsmen, P O Box 10 152, WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

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