

5 November 2024

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I write in response to your request dated 7/10/2024, for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Copies of all correspondence, emails and texts written or received since 1 March 2024 by Kāinga Ora officials or board members discussing or describing comments or opinions expressed about the Chief Executive of Kāinga Ora by the Minister of Finance in a meeting attended by the Acting Chair of Kāinga Ora, the Minister of Housing and the Minister of Finance and/or the events and outcomes that followed the expression of those opinions or directions from that meeting.

Where a document that falls under scope of this request cannot be released, please supply a summary of that document's contents. Where any document falls under the scope of this request, please release it in full, including sections which might otherwise be considered out of scope.

There is one document in scope of your request. It is withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(ba)(ii) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would otherwise damage the public interest.

In making our decision, we have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and do not consider that the public interest outweighs the interests of privacy and interests protected by section 9(2)(ba)(ii).

Consideration has been given to releasing an excerpt or summary of the information, however, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, we are not able to provide a summary.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. There is Information about how to make a complaint at <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz> or by freephone on [0800 802 602](tel:0800802602).

Nāku iti noa, nā



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