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Ref: PMO 141-2019

Dear Win Walker

Official Information Act request for communications provided to the Prime Minister relating to KPMG estimates on the costs of firearms buyback

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 10 June 2019. You requested:

I request all email, text and minuted correspondence where KPMG estimates on the cost of the firearms buyback have been provided to the prime minister.

We have identified one email relevant to your request as it attaches a briefing from New Zealand Police that, although does not specifically refer to KPMG estimates, relates to the costs of the firearms buyback and likely relies on them.

The email was sent on 4 April 2019 to the Prime Minister by staff within her office. This email stated:

Hi PM,

Attached is the Buy Back paper to inform your teleconference with ministers with powers to act, which is scheduled for 8.30pm.

Also attached is a note from [name withheld under section 9(2)(a)] on the paper.

The rest of the email trail provided details and instructions for the following teleconference:

Date	Scheduled	Meeting	Location	With	Portfolio
4/04/2019	20:30 - 21:00	TELECONFERENCE	By phone	Prime Minister, Minister Little, Minister Robertson, Minister Nash, Minister Mark	Prime Minister

With regards to the three documents attached to the email:

- There is information relevant to your request within the note referred to in the email. As this information includes advice from the Prime Minister's Office, I am withholding this information in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.
- One document attached to the email does not include information about the costs of the firearm buyback and is therefore not within the scope of your request.
- The Buy Back paper referred to in the email was written by New Zealand Police. I am transferring decision-making in relation to this briefing to the New Zealand Police under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act as I believe this document is more closely connected to their functions.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff