



06 APR 2021

Scott

By email: fyi-request-14623-37dcd4d0@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: PMO 2021-032

Dear Scott

Official Information Act request relating to the Prime Minister's media engagements

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 6 February 2021. You requested:

This is an OIA request for email communications between Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's office and Channel Nine, New Zealand Herald, BBC, New York Times and CNN which relate to the following five media engagements:

- 1. Jacinda Ardern's interview with Channel Nine's Charles Wooley, aired February 2018*
- 2. Jacinda Ardern's guest editorship of the New Zealand Herald's 125th Suffrage edition, published September 2018*
- 3. Jacinda Ardern's interview with BBC's Victoria Derbyshire, aired January 2019*
- 4. Jacinda Ardern's opinion piece "How to Stop the Next Christchurch Massacre" published by the New York Times in May 2019*
- 5. Jacinda Ardern's interview with CNN's Christiane Amanpour, aired May 2019*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 40 working days because it necessitated consultations to be undertaken before a decision could be made on the request. Following this extension, I am now in a position to respond.

The following emails between this office and the requested media outlets relating to your request are set out below:

	Media Outlet	Emails within Scope
1	Channel Nine	Email dated 14 February 2018
2	New Zealand Herald	Email chain dated 8 February 2018, 21 February 2018, 6 March 2018 and 7 March 2018.
3	BBC	Emails dated 17 January 2019, 6 and 8 November 2018; and Email chain dated 30 October 2018
4	New York Times	Email chain dated 8, 9, 14 and 15 May 2019; and Email chain dated 13, 14 and 15 May 2019.
5	CNN/PBS	Email chain dated 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 May 2019; and Email of 3 May 2019.

Please find **enclosed** the above material identified in scope of your request. Where appropriate, information has been marked as out of scope. Some material has been withheld under Section 9(2)(a) of the Act, as withholding the information is necessary to "*protect the privacy of natural persons*";

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



Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff