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Ref: PMO 2021-146

Dear Cam Slater

Official Information Act request for communications with Matthew Tukaki

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 9 July 2021. You requested:

"Details of any communications (phone calls, texts, e-mails, letters or other communications including but not exclusive to Instagram PM, Facebook messages, iMessage, WhatsApp and Signal) between any staff members in the Office of the Prime Minister and Matthew Tukaki.

The time period I am seeking information for is from January 2021 to today. I am seeking the following information:

- The number of communications with Matthew Tukaki (sent or received);*
- The dates of any communications;*
- The medium of any communication - phone, text, e-mail etc;*
- The content of the communications."*

The Prime Minister's Office has had two email interactions with Mr Tukaki in the referenced time period.

I have decided to release one of these interactions, from May 2021, which relates to an invitation for Mr Tukaki to attend the Social Sector Budget lock-up. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals.

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

The second email received from Mr Tukaki and acknowledged by this office, relates to a matter currently before the courts. Therefore, I have decided to withhold this in full under section 6(c), which relates to the withholding of information that would 'prejudice the maintenance of the law'.

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 stylized letters that appear to read 'Raj Nahna'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff