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Dear Ms Raue

Thank you for your email of 10 July 2014, requesting all information about a proposed meeting between Scott Watson, Gerald Hope and other individuals. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The Department is statutorily obligated to protect all private information that we hold, including information relating to offenders and victims. We are unable to release the information about the proposed meeting as doing so would contravene our legislative obligations; therefore, your request is declined under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons. We do not consider that public interest considerations outweigh the affected parties' right to privacy in this case.

As you may be aware, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this response. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Chief Executive
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