



4 February 2022

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Dear John

Official Information Act request relating to communications with Ella Yelich-O'Connor

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 19 January 2022. You requested:

"Thanks for your reply to my request under the Official Information Act stating that you have decided to transfer it to MBIE. This is not adequate as it does not answer my key question about communications with DPMC.

Please provide any communications over the last 3 months between Ella Yelich-O'Connor, also known as Lorde, and/or her representatives to DPMC and/or the Prime Minister or the Prime Ministers offices relating to Covid-19, MIQ, isolation or any other matters related to Lorde's ability to return to New Zealand."

I note that your request for communications over the last three months between Ms Ella Yelich-O'Connor and the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's Office have been transferred to the Prime Minister for reply. As such, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) will only be responding to your request for communications over the last three months between Ms Ella Yelich-O'Connor and DPMC.

There have been no communications between Ms Ella Yelich-O'Connor and DPMC about COVID-19, Managed Isolation and Quarantine, or any other matters related to her ability to return to New Zealand. As such, your request is being refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the requested information does not exist.

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

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Barnes
Deputy Chief Executive, COVID-19 Group