

21 March 2022

Zachariah Davis

By email: fyi-request-18664-82366bff@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Davis,

Request pursuant to Official Information Act 1982 – Jacob Jake Williams

1. I refer to your email dated 24 February 2022 requesting information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).
2. In your email you requested:
“Have you received any complaints about Jacob Jake Williams?”
3. On 1 March 2022 an MBIE Senior Ministerial Services Advisor emailed you seeking further information from you so that your request could be directed to the right part of the organisation for a response.
4. On 1 March 2022 you advised that you were seeking information from all of the departments within MBIE, but *“mainly companies office and insolvency”*.
5. On 10 March 2022 I emailed you seeking further clarification in relation to the date or time period for which you were seeking information in relation to.
6. I further advised you that if you were requesting information on behalf of Jacob Jake Williams, his permission would be required for personal information to be released.
7. No response was received to my email.
8. Your request is refused under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA on the ground that ***the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons.***
9. You have a right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

Integrity and Enforcement Team

PO Box 5004 Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141, New Zealand
National: 0508 446 834 International: +64 3 943 5962
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The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143
By email: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

5 If you wish to discuss an aspect of this response, you may contact me via email –
vanessa.cook@mbie.govt.nz

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Vanessa Cook', is positioned above the typed name.

Vanessa Cook
Manager Integrity and Enforcement
Integrity and Enforcement Team
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment