



3 February 2022

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Dear John

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

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), 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 believe that the request for “any communications over the last three months between Ella Yelich-O'Connor and the Prime Minister or the Prime Ministers Offices relating to Covid-19, MIQ, isolation or any other matters related to the Lorde's ability to return to New Zealand” is more closely connected to the functions of the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern.

Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer this part of your request to Prime Minister. The other parts of the request have not been transferred, and I will respond in due course.

The Prime Minister has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial & Business Services