

# Office of the Prime Minister

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Tēnā koe Liz Blue

## Official Information Act request relating to correspondence between the PM/the Prime Minister's Office and Meka Whaitiri from 1 May to 15 May 2023

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 16 May 2023. You requested:

*“Under the Official Information Act I request any correspondence (including but not limited to emails, letters, and text messages) from the Prime Minister or staff in the Prime Minister’s Office sent to or received from Meka Whaitiri between 1 May and 15 May 2023.”*

The Prime Minister regularly confers with Ministers regarding a multitude of topics however in this case there was no information sent or received by the Prime Minister in the form of written letters, emails, phone calls, text messages or on any other platform that was found within scope of the timeframe of your request.

We can confirm that the Prime Minister’s Chief of Staff attempted to call Meka Whaitiri on 2 May 2023 but she did not answer. The Prime Minister’s Chief of Staff then sent a text message asking the Minister to call him however no phone call took place following the text message.

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

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AK'.

Andrew Kirton *AK*  
Chief of Staff