

12 June 2023

s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request, partially transferred to the Ministry on 12 May 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

- 1. All communications between [Hon] Carmel Sepuloni and/or her Ministry and/or Arts, Culture & Heritage Ministry Officials with Andy Hamilton from March 22 2023 to May 1st 2023.**
- 2. All communications between [Hon] Carmel Sepuloni and/or her Ministry and/or Arts, Culture & Heritage Ministry Officials with any director or staff member of We Are Indigo and their subsidiaries from March 22 2023 to May 1st 2023**
- 3. All communications between [Hon] Carmel Sepuloni and/or her Ministry and/or Arts, Culture & Heritage Ministry Officials with the Auditor General or any member of the Auditor General's office relating to We Are Indigo and their subsidiaries from March 22 2023 to May 1st 2023**

As noted to you previously, the Ministry's response covers only information held by the Ministry. We have interpreted 'all communications' as pertaining to emails, text messages, phone calls, teams calls and messages, application submissions and any verbal discussion between the two parties.

Please find enclosed an email chain in scope of your request between Manatū Taonga and Andy Hamilton. I have decided to release this to you, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Please note that administrative emails, such as correspondence relating to responding to OIA requests, have been excluded.

The Ministry has no further information in scope in relation to parts 2 or 3 of your request.

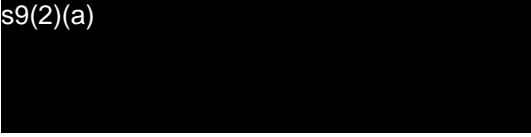
If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [OIA@mch.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@mch.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or via freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents on the Ministry's website.

Nāku noa, nā

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