



12 July 2022



Ref: OIA-2021/22-1442

Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to DPMC's consultation with the IPCA

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 21 June 2022.

You requested:

"In response to a recent OIA request lodged via FYI seeking information on "ODESC meetings relating to Parliament protests" (ref OIA-2021/22-1337; FYI URL <https://fyi.org.nz/request/18760-odesc-meetings-relating-to-parliament-protests>), DPMC noted in one of its responses that they had consulted with police about the response, and that

"As part of this consultation, New Zealand Police, having also consulted with the Office of the Ombudsman, advised DPMC that there was a good public interest in withholding information relating to issues under investigation and review by the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA)."

I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

** all communications with police, the IPCA, or the Office of the Ombudsman about this request (for example, emails, a record of a phone call, or notes of conversations).*

For clarity, I am not seeking information on the actual ODESC meetings; I am interested in the consultation with other agencies and the advice they gave which influenced this OIA decision."

Your request for correspondence generated during the processing of OIA-2021/22-1337, in particular, consultation correspondence between the Department of the Prime Minister (DPMC) and the New Zealand Police (Police), is refused under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act as the disclosure of this information would inhibit advisers or officials from expressing or recording free and frank advice on requests made under the Act in the future.

We note that you have also requested information relating to the Police consultation with the Independent Police Conduct Authority, and with the Office of the Ombudsman, which is more closely connected with the functions of the Police. We would normally transfer your request to the Police under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. However, as you have also sent your request to the Police, we are referring you to their response instead.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

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

This response will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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