



5 August 2025



Ref: OIA-2025/26-0009

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

**Official Information Act request relating to all emails sent by Janine Smith to government chief executives in April 2025**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 11 July 2025. You requested:

*“all emails sent by Janine Smith in the month of April 2025, that were sent to government chief executives.”*

We have interpreted your request as being for emails sent by me, Janine Smith, to any external public service leaders, on or between 1 – 30 April 2025. Emails I have sent to my Manager, the Chief Executive and Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), are out of scope.

**Information being released**

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the emails listed below, subject to information being withheld as noted. The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

- section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	14 April 2025	Email to Jeremy Lightfoot (Chief Executive of Corrections)	Release, some information withheld under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(g)(i).
2	04 April 2025	Email to Peter Chrisp (Chief Executive of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise)	Release, some information not in scope
2A	Undated	Attachment: Notes IDA Ireland and UK Investment Summit	Withhold under s6(a).

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

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 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet'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.

Nāku noa, nā,



Janine Smith  
**Deputy Chief Executive  
Policy**



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**leadership team meeting**

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From Janine Smith [DPMC] <Janine.Smith@dpmc.govt.nz>

Date Mon 4/14/2025 2:44 PM

To LIGHTFOOT, Jeremy (PONEKE) <jeremy.lightfoot@corrections.govt.nz>  
<jeremy.lightfoot@corrections.govt.nz>

Cc Ben King [DPMC] <Ben.King@dpmc.govt.nz>

Hi Jeremy

Ben and I are reaching out to agencies to see if you'd like us to come and share context from the beehive at an upcoming senior leadership team meeting in your organisation. The purpose of the session is to share with you what we are seeing in a free and frank way and hear any issues from your side that you want us to be more attuned too. § 9(2)(g)(i)

Let us know if this is something you are interested and we can make it work diary wise – no urgency from our side.

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**Janine Smith**

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PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET**  
TE TARIO TE PIRIMIA ME TE KOMITI MATUA



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**RE: Advice from UK and Irish investment attraction Best Practice ~~[IN-CONFIDENCE]~~**

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From Janine Smith [DPMC] <Janine.Smith@dpmc.govt.nz>

Date Fri 4/4/2025 9:41 PM

To Dean Ford <Dean.Ford@mbie.govt.nz>; ^NZTE: Peter Chrisp <peter.chrisp@nzte.govt.nz>; Julia Hibbert -  
WLG <Julia.Hibbert@nzte.govt.nz>; ^MBIE Michael Contaldo <Michael.Contaldo@mbie.govt.nz>; Benny  
Goodman - SIN <Benny.Goodman@nzte.govt.nz>

Cc ^NZTE: Peter Chrisp <peter.chrisp@nzte.govt.nz>; Lisa Daniell [DPMC] <Lisa.Daniell@dpmc.govt.nz>;  
^NZTE: Peter Chrisp <peter.chrisp@nzte.govt.nz>

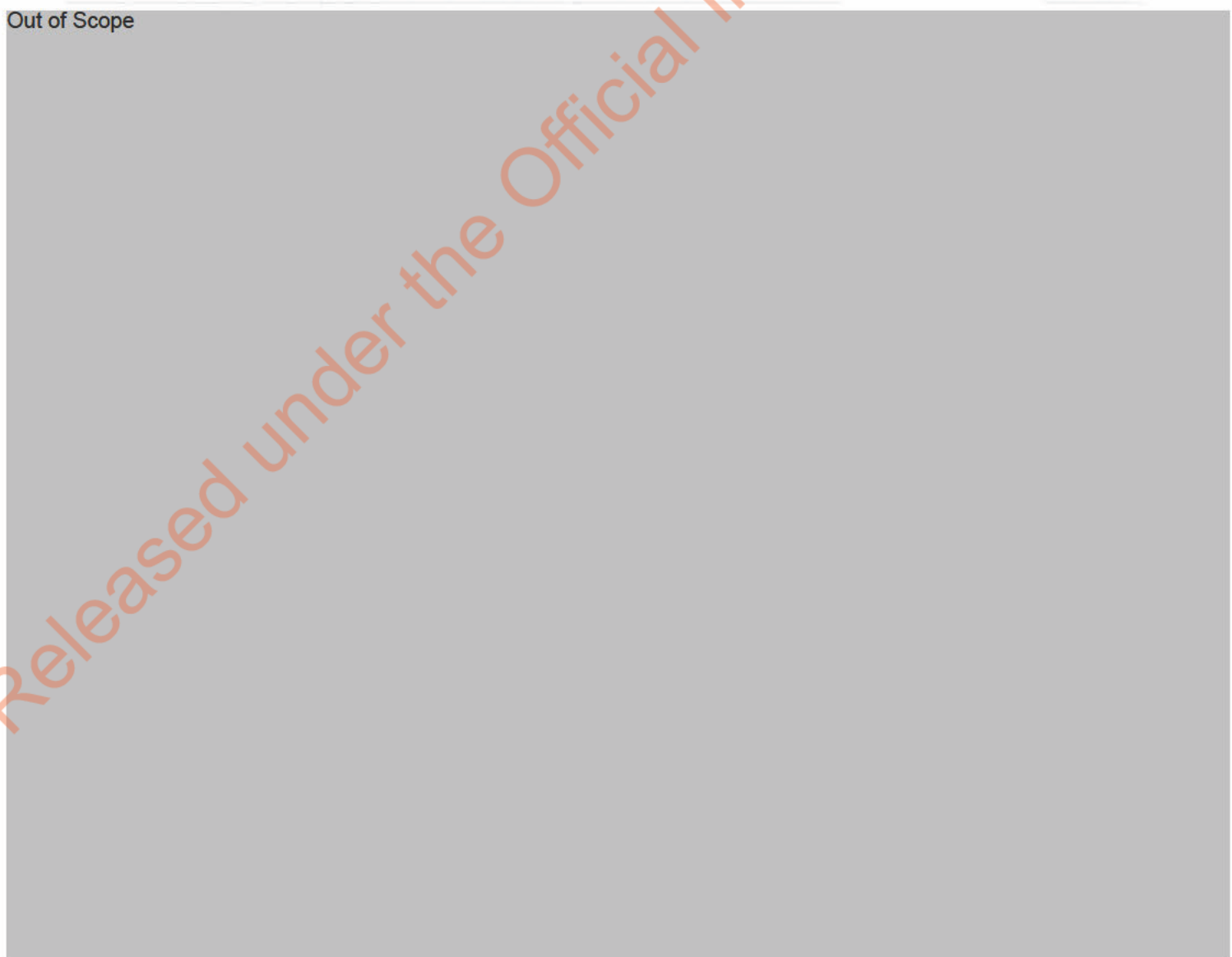
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notes IDA Ireland and UK investment summit.docx;

Thanks Pete, here are my notes from the meetings most relevant for you. Please keep them to this group and not for further distribution.

Very happy to connect anyone with the contacts I met with they were great engagements and really willing to be free and frank too

Out of Scope



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