CABINET OFFICE

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Official Information Act request: Ministerial conflicts of interest: Hon Willie Jackson

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request received on 28 July 2026. You requested:

> *I request the following information held by the Cabinet Office:*
> *All records, documents, register entries, advice, assessments, correspondence, emails, notes, management plans, or other information relating to actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest involving Hon Willie Jackson and:*
>
> - *Manukau Urban Māori Authority (MUMA)*
> - *Tania Rangihuea (or any reference to his wife / spouse / partner)*
> - *Any family or personal interest in organisations receiving government contracts or funding, particularly from Oranga Tamariki, the Ministry of Social Development, Te Puni Kōkiri, or other agencies*
> - *Any contracts, procurement decisions, or funding arrangements involving MUMA during the period 1 January 2022 to 27 November 2023*
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> *This includes (but is not limited to):*
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> 1 *Any entries in Hon Willie Jackson's register of interests or related worksheets concerning the above matters.*
> 2 *Any advice provided by the Cabinet Office to Hon Willie Jackson, the Prime Minister, or other Ministers about identifying or managing such conflicts.*
> 3 *Any management plans, transfers of responsibility, arrangements not to receive papers, or other steps agreed to manage any conflict.*
> 4 *Any declarations of interest made by Hon Willie Jackson at Cabinet or Cabinet committee meetings relating to these matters.*

5 *Any correspondence or records showing whether the conflict (or potential conflict) arising from his wife's role as CEO of MUMA was declared or considered in accordance with the Cabinet Manual.*

If any part of this request is unclear or would benefit from refinement, please contact me as soon as possible so I can clarify it.

The Cabinet Office, on behalf of the Prime Minister, supports Ministers in identifying and managing conflicts of interest. Hon Willie Jackson held a number of ministerial roles between 2017 and 2023, and through this time, met with the Cabinet Office (as required) to discuss various interests.

Details regarding Ministers' interests are not generally disclosed, in order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs, ensure the confidentiality or Cabinet proceedings and in some cases, to protect personal privacy. The Cabinet Office considers that this approach continues to be appropriate even after a Minister has left office.

Holding accurate and fulsome records is part of upholding an effective conflicts system. In our view, current and future Ministers' confidence to raise matters with the Cabinet Office, and the wider conflicts of interest system, would be undermined by the release of previous Ministers' information as it would imply that current Ministers' information could be released in similar manner (following their ministerial terms).

The Cabinet Office holds some information in scope of your request. I have decided to withhold this information in full, except as is publicly available, under the following sections of the Act:

1. section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals

2. section 9(2)(ba)(ii), to prevent damage to the public interest

3. section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials

4. section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion

In making my decision, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the need to withhold the information, and I have concluded that it does not. It is in the public interest that the Cabinet Office can obtain and assess information provided by Ministers, to provide them advice on how to manage conflicts of interest.

Publicly available information

The Cabinet Office has previously supported Ministers' offices to respond to some written parliamentary questions related to Hon Willie Jackson's interests generally. These final responses can be found on the Parliament website. There is also publicly available information relating to a transfer of responsibility from Hon Jackson to another Minister, here.

Accordingly, I have refused to release related information to you under section 18(d) of the Act, on the basis that this information is publicly available.

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



Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet