

26 August 2026

Ref: OIA26-TW18

s9(2)(a)

Via email: s9(2)(a)

Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 3 August 2026 requesting information as follows:

" Under the Official Information Act 1982, I am requesting all communications between your agency and the Labour Party Leaders' Office, from 3 February 2025 to today's date.

This should include, but not be limited to:

- Emails
- Text messages
- Meeting invitations

Where information is withheld, I request you provide the title and date of the communication/document withheld, the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Official Information Act."

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

Response

Emails identified in scope of this request with my decision on release are listed in the table below and are attached to this letter.

Item	Date	Description / "Subject"	Decision
1	19/5/25 to 20/5/25	Email chain – "Response to your OIA request". Response letter is publicly available on the Te Waihanganga website here: response-letter-and-documents-copies-of-3-infracom-papers-16-june.pdf	Release with some information withheld under s9(2)(a) and refused under s18(d) as publicly available.
2	19/5/25 to 25/5/25	Email chain – "Contact details".	Release with some information withheld under s9(2)(a)
3.1	3/7/25	Email – "OIA25-TW14 Official Information Request – (Name withheld)".	Release with some information withheld under s9(2)(a)

3.2	15/7/25 to 21/7/25	Email – “OIA25-TW14 Response”. Response letter is publicly available on the Te Waihanga website here: https://media.umbraco.io/te-waihanga-30-year-strategy/hsxbqh4m/request-for-papers-on-rma-reform-31-july-2025.pdf	Release with some information withheld under s9(2)(a) and refused under s18(d) as publicly available.
4	19/8/25 to 26/8/25	Email chain – “RE: Information releases – infrastructure weekly updates”	Release with some information withheld under s9(2)(a)

A search of our records revealed there were neither texts nor meeting invites identified in scope of this request. However, I note there was a meeting held on 19 June 2025 between the Chief Executive of Te Waihanga, Geoff Cooper and Members of Parliament Kieran McAnulty and Barbara Edmonds to discuss the draft National Infrastructure Plan prior to its publication at which Thomas Raethel from the Labour Leader’s Office was noted as an attendee.

In making my decision on the release of information, the public interest considerations set out in section 9(1) of the OIA were considered. It is necessary to continue to withhold some information as no public interest was identified that would outweigh the reason for withholding under the following section(s) of the OIA:

- s9(2)(a) – comprising Official Information Act requester names and staff direct contact details which are withheld to protect the privacy of individuals

I trust this response addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my response.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Commission’s website.

Yours sincerely



Peter Nunns
General Manager, Strategy

Attachment: OIA26-TW18 Attachment Items 1 to 4

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Attachment - Items 1 to 4

From: [Ministerial Services](#)
To: LabourResearch@parliament.govt.nz
Cc: [Ministerial Services](#)
Subject: Response to your OIA Request
Date: Monday, 16 June 2025 5:03:00 pm
Attachments: [Response letter and documents - OIA25-TW09](#) s9(2)(a) (Labour Leader's Office) Copies of 3
[Infracom papers.pdf](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

Kia ora s9(2)(a)

Please find attached a response to your recent OIA request.

Ngā mihi

Ministerial Services

New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, Te Waihangā

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From: Ministerial Services
Sent: Tuesday, 20 May 2025 12:42 pm
To: LabourResearch@parliament.govt.nz
Subject: Acknowledgement: OIA Request

Kia ora s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your OIA request which we received on 19 May (copied below). This email confirms receipt and advises that we will respond to you as soon as possible and by 17 June at the latest.

Ngā mihi

Ministerial Services

New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, Te Waihangā

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From: LabourResearch <LabourResearch@parliament.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 19 May 2025 2:58 pm

To: Information <info@tewaihanga.govt.nz>

Subject: OIA Request

Kia ora,

Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request copies of:

Infrastructure Commission	For Minister Penk: Background Information and Speaking Notes for Public Sector Infrastructure Leaders Network appearance on 7 May	1-May-25
Infrastructure Commission	Aide memoire - Background information and speech for Apopo Congress on 14 May	2-May-25
New Zealand Infrastructure Commission	Infrastructure weekly update for the week starting 21 April 2025	16-Apr-25

Where a document that falls under scope of this request cannot be released, please supply a summary of that document's contents. Where any document falls under the scope of this request, please release it in full, including sections which might otherwise be considered out of scope.

Kind regards,

s9(2)(a)

Labour Leader's Office

Authorised by Chris Hipkins MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

From: [Jason Batchelor](#)
To: [Jon Butler](#)
Subject: RE: Contact details
Date: Monday, 26 May 2025 9:21:37 am
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Hey Jon

It's been a bit of a week with Budget, but this week should be good for a coffee.

I am no longer responsible for the infrastructure portfolio, since Barbara is no longer the spokesperson, but I still have broad oversight because Finance always has oversight of it.

This week is reasonably quiet, so how about Wednesday?

Cheers,

Jason Batchelor | Senior Economic Advisor

Labour Leader's Office

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Authorised by Chris Hipkins MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

From: Jon Butler [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
Sent: Monday, 19 May 2025 8:50 PM
To: Jason Batchelor [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
Subject: Re: Contact details

Hi Jason

How are you getting on? Are you working on the infra portfolio?

Let me know if you'd have time to catch up for a coffee at some point.

Appreciate this week will be busy prepping for Budget.

Cheers

Jon

Jon Butler

[s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

From: [Shane Egan](#)
To: s9(2)(a)
Cc: [QIA](#)
Subject: OIA25-TW14 Official Information Request s9(2)(a)
Date: Friday, 25 July 2025 2:26:03 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora s9(2)(a)

We are writing to confirm that on 22 July, the Infrastructure Commission accepted a partial transfer of your original Official information request addressed to Hon Chris Bishop dated 15 July 2025.

We will be responding to you in respect of the part of your request for the three reports listed in WPQ 32214 (2025) that were originated by us.

Ngā mihi

Manager, Ministerial Services

New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, Te Waihanga

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From: [Shane Egan](#)
To: s9(2)(a)
Cc: [OIA](#)
Subject: OIA25-TW14 Response
Date: Thursday, 31 July 2025 4:52:38 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[OIA25 TW14 Response letter.pdf](#)
[OIA25 TW14 Response Attachments.pdf](#)

Kia ora s9(2)(a)

Please find attached response to the part of your original request below that was transferred to the Infrastructure Commission.

Ngā mihi

Manager, Ministerial Services

New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, Te Waihanga

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From: [Information](#)
To: [Thomas Raethel](#); [Information](#)
Subject: RE: Information releases - infrastructure weekly updates
Date: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 11:23:00 am

Kia ora Thomas

We have now updated this page with the June weekly reports:

<https://tewaihangagovt.nz/about-us/corporate-documents-official-information/information-releases>

Cheers

*Bas van Laanen | Senior Digital and Content Advisor - Kaitohutohu Matihiko
Mātāpuputu*

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From: Thomas Raethel s9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 19 August 2025 12:06 pm
To: Information <info@tewaihangagovt.nz>
Subject: Information releases - infrastructure weekly updates

Kia ora

I would like to know when you intend to upload the infrastructure weekly updates to your website here: <https://tewaihangagovt.nz/about-us/corporate-documents-official-information/information-releases>

The most recent report that has been published is almost three months old – I'd be grateful if some newer reports could be uploaded soon.

Kind regards

Thomas Raethel | Senior Researcher

Labour Leader's Office

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