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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0648

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request relating to Correspondence with TikTok and ByteDance regarding the Christchurch Call

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 8 March 2023. You requested:

Please release to me all correspondence with TikTok or parent company ByteDance regarding the Christchurch Call, specifically any communications to and from the companies relating to involvement in or the activities of the Christchurch Call, and any internal communications on considerations regarding their involvement.

I can advise that some correspondence has been identified as within scope of your request for information to or from TikTok/ByteDance regarding the Christchurch Call. This information will be released in part. The relevant grounds under which information will be 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)(ba)(i), to protect the supply of similar information in the future
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion
- section 9(2)(j), to enable negotiations to be carried on without prejudice or disadvantage.

Unfortunately, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet requires more time to prepare the release of this information, to ensure that relevant parties have had an opportunity to consider the content to be released. DPMC will endeavour to release the relevant information to you as soon as practicable.

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.

Yours sincerely



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