

14 April 2025

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/21

On Wednesday 9 April 2025 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

I would like to request copies of any correspondence between the Electoral Commission and the Sensible Sentencing Trust ("SST"), or any of its representatives or agents, in the 6 months before Tuesday 8 April 2025.

Please also provide:

- *Any internal documents, emails, teams messages or other communications relating to any questions posed by SST, or advisory opinions requested by or provided to SST in relation to electoral advertising;*
- *A list of any meetings, either internal or between the Electoral Commission and third parties including SST, that discussed questions or advisory opinions relating to SST. Please note the scheduled length of the meetings and the job titles (of the invitees and organisation they represent if applicable), as available. Please interpret meetings to mean either virtual or in-person meetings.*

Correspondence with Jordan Williams

I would like to request any copies of correspondence between the Electoral Commission and Jordan Williams, the Free Speech Union, the Taxpayers Union, or the Campaign Company in relation to Advertising in the past year.

Please find attached correspondence between the Electoral Commission and the Taxpayers Union.

Some contact details, such as phone numbers, some email addresses, and names, have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA which relates to the privacy of natural persons. In each case where redactions have been made under section 9(2)(a), consideration has been given to, and I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding of the information are not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make that information available.

The Commission does not hold any documents relating to correspondence between the Electoral Commission and the Sensible Sentencing Trust or any of its representatives or agents, or any

documents relating to internal or external meetings that discussed questions or advisory opinions relating to the Sensible Sentencing Trust. On this basis, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act, on the basis that the information you have requested does not exist.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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