

3 May 2024

DOIA24/044

s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 25 March 2024, which was refined on 18 April 2024 and extended to 8 May 2024. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) seeking:

all and any email correspondence between Narrative Muse CE Brough Johnson and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage between 2019 and 2024. The concern relates to funding received by Narrative Muse in 2021, excluding all emails and attachments related to previous OIA's on Narrative Muse provided that all previous OIA information is publicly available.

Please note, we completed various searches through IT to identify all emails within scope of your request. The following search terms were used:

- Date range between 2019 to 2024
- Any emails from Brough Johnson to all MCH staff email accounts
- Any emails from all MCH staff email accounts to Brough Johnson

I have refused your request for emails from 2019-2020, between Brough Johnson and MCH under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Document Description	Decision
1	Emails from February 2022	Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a). Duplicated email threads have been removed.
2	Emails from March 2022	Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a).
3	Emails and meeting invites from June 2022	Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
4	Emails and meeting invites from July 2022	Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a).
5	Emails and meeting invites from September 2022	Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a).
6	Emails from October 2022	Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
7	Attachment - Narrative Muse Progress Report March to August 2022	Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(b)(ii).
8	Emails from November 2022	Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
9	Emails from March 2023	Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).

Item	Document Description	Decision
10	Emails from May 2023	Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
11	Emails from June 2023	Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).

I have decided to release the documents listed in the above table, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information

Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available:

Item	Date	Document Description	Link
12	Released 2021	Emails from early 2021 through to October 2021 between Brough Johnson and MCH	https://fyi.org.nz/request/17256/response/67995/attach/3/DOIA21%20102%20Doc%209.PDF.pdf
13	Released 2021-2022	All previously released OIA material	https://fyi.org.nz/body/ministry_for_culture_and_heritage?utf8=%E2%9C%93&query=narrative+muse&request_date_after=&request_date_before=&commit=Search

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA as the information is publicly available.

Noting, we also provided this information to you in our extension email of 24 April 2024.

Some information has been withheld from the document/s available in the above links and should continue to be withheld under the grounds described in the document/s, in accordance with the OIA.

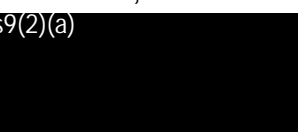
In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA. I do not consider that these considerations outweigh the need to withhold the information.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact uia@mch.govt.nz.

have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available via www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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