

Joanna Tuckwell

From: Joanna Tuckwell
Sent: Tuesday, 29 September 2009 5:06 p.m.
To: 'Neil Wells'
Cc: 'Neil Wells'; David Bayvel
Subject: AWINZ - OIA request and letter to Minister

Hi Neil

I'm just writing to let you know that, as anticipated, MAF has received an Official Information Act request from Mrs Haden, for a copy of the report from MAF's audit of AWINZ's finance and governance arrangements last year. I'll be meeting with one of our legal advisers tomorrow to discuss the request, and will be in touch with you again shortly to discuss the material that AWINZ trustees consider should be withheld, and on what grounds.

Thanks and regards
Joanna

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From: Joanna Tuckwell

To: Neil Wells ; Wyn Hoadley

Cc: Neil Wells ; David Bayvel

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 4:29 PM

Subject: Haden/AWINZ OIA

Dear Neil and Wyn

Thanks for your time on the phone yesterday, Neil. As discussed, MAF has received an Official Information Act request from Mrs Haden, for a copy of the report from the MAF audit of AWINZ's finance and governance arrangements, finalised in July.

Having considered Mrs Haden's request, including taking legal advice, MAF is not inclined to release the full report or an edited version to Mrs Haden, but considers that a summary of the report would be the most appropriate way to deal with her request. A letter to Mrs Haden, to that effect, has been drafted.

As the information in the report (and therefore the summary) concerns the AWINZ trustees, we would like to invite you to comment on the draft summary that we have prepared for release to Mrs Haden. Please find this attached. Would it be possible to have any comments by lunchtime on Monday, please, so that we can finalise the response for Murray Sherwin to sign out within the statutory timeframe?

I'll be in the office for most of tomorrow and Monday, if either of you have any queries. I apologise for the short timeframe, but as the summary itself is quite brief, hopefully this won't cause you any difficulties.

Thanks and I hope all is well with you both.

Kind regards

Joanna

<<AWINZ audit report - summary for release to G Haden.doc>>

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TT: Neil Wells

- Noted dealing w/ current Haden OIA

even if rept req'd
to be released.

- Response to Onus's prelim finding re
release of CAR ^{AWINZ} ^{rept} AWINZ / WAF
have until 19 Nov to respond. I
indicated that WAF likely to continue to
object to release. NEW = trustee to
consolidate new, but new likely to be
that certain portions shouldn't have been
included ^{in the} ^{rept} & should be withheld

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From: George Capes [mailto:George.Capes@maf.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 29 July 2011 9:36 a.m.
To: Neil Wells
Cc: David Bayvel; Kirsty Grant; Teresa Williams
Subject: RE: HADEN AND OMBUDSMAN
Sensitivity: Confidential

Neil, _____

You are correct in your statement that it is for MAF to release the Report. The decision of the Ombudsman is final. Before MAF releases the Report officials will need to brief the Director-General and the Minister and take on board any directions that they issue.

Nothing is likely to occur before 10 August 2011 as regards release of the Report. You will be notified in advance of MAF compliance with the Ombudsman's decision.

George Capes

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29 August 2011

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Dear Neil

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS FROM GRACE HADEN
MAF AUDIT OF AWINZ – FINAL REPORT**

You will be aware that the Ombudsman, pursuant to section 30(1) of the Official Information Act, has recommended that MAF release the full audit report to Ms Haden without further delay. I write to advise that this request is currently being actioned.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A C David Bayvel', written over a large, diagonal red watermark that says 'RELEASED UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT'.

A C David Bayvel
Director Animal Welfare Standards

