

Reference: 20250347

16 June 2025

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Dear Michael

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received on 16 May 2025.  
You requested the following:

*I am writing to request copies of all material relating to the possibility, and then actuality, of the resignation of Adrian Orr as Governor of the Reserve Bank. My request covers the period 20 February to 10 March 2025 inclusive, includes without limitation both internal and external analysis, advice, and communications, and includes any particular communication with (or records) of communication with the RB Board or its chair and the Minister of Finance and/or her office.*

### Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	27 February 2025	Text messages between Hon Nicola Willis and Iain Rennie	Release in part
2.	28 February 2025	Text message from Neil Quigley to Iain Rennie	Release in full
3.	5 March 2025	Teams message between Private Secretary and Treasury OSEC manager	Release in full

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the document listed above, subject to information being withheld under the following section of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(ba)(i) - to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Some information has been redacted because it is not covered by the scope of your request. This is because the documents include matters outside your specific request.



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### **Information to be withheld**

There is an additional document covered by the second part of your request. I have decided to withhold the document, including the title, in full under section the following sections of the Official Information Act:

- section 9(2)(ba)(i) - to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied, and
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

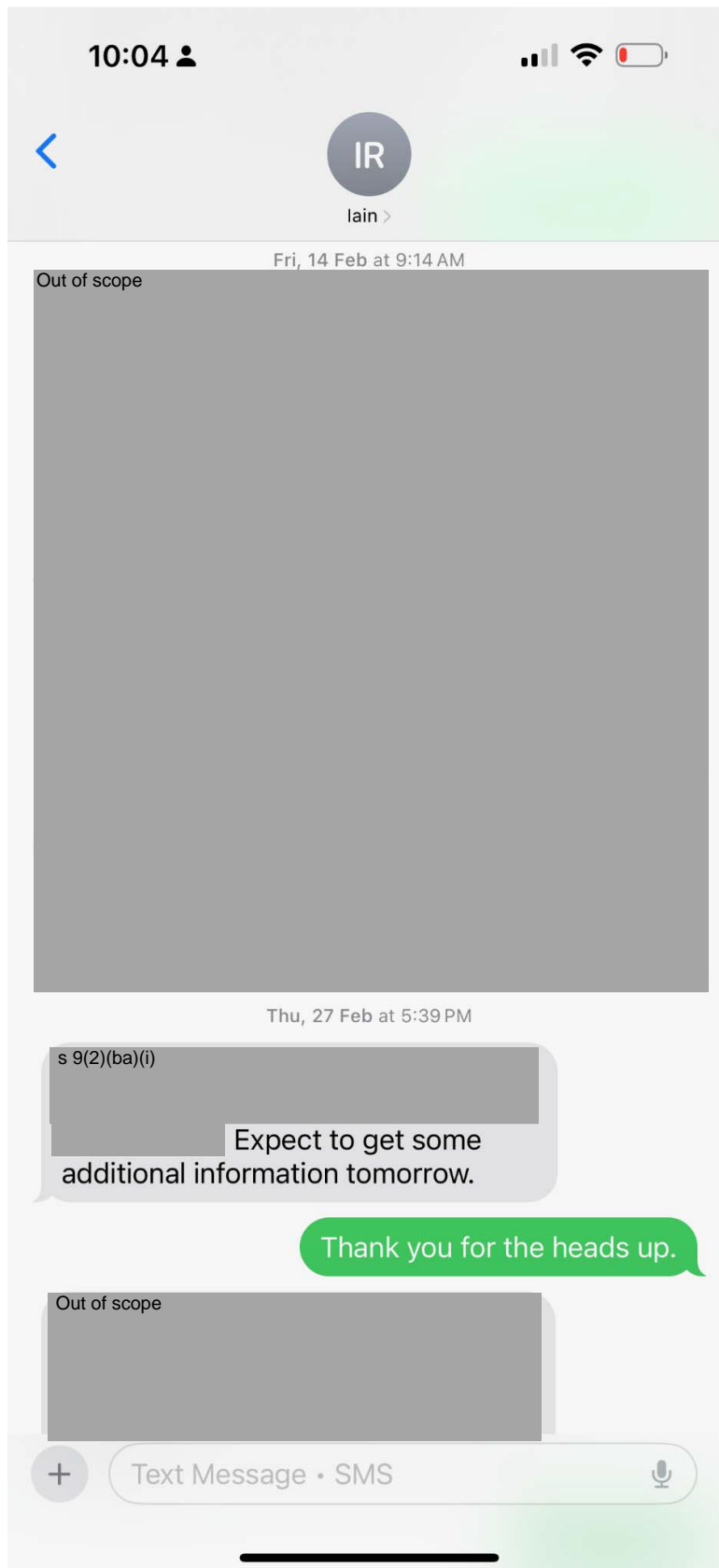
In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

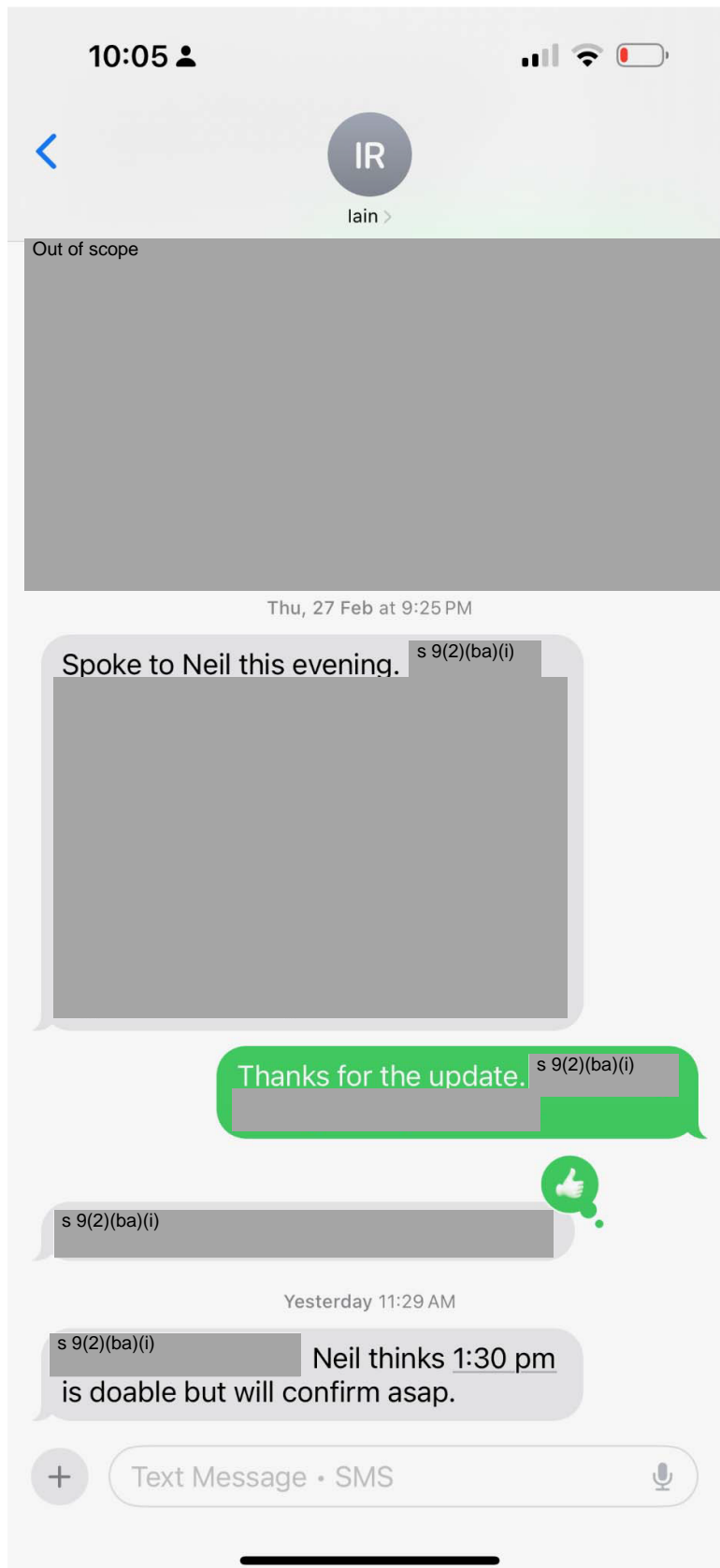
Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

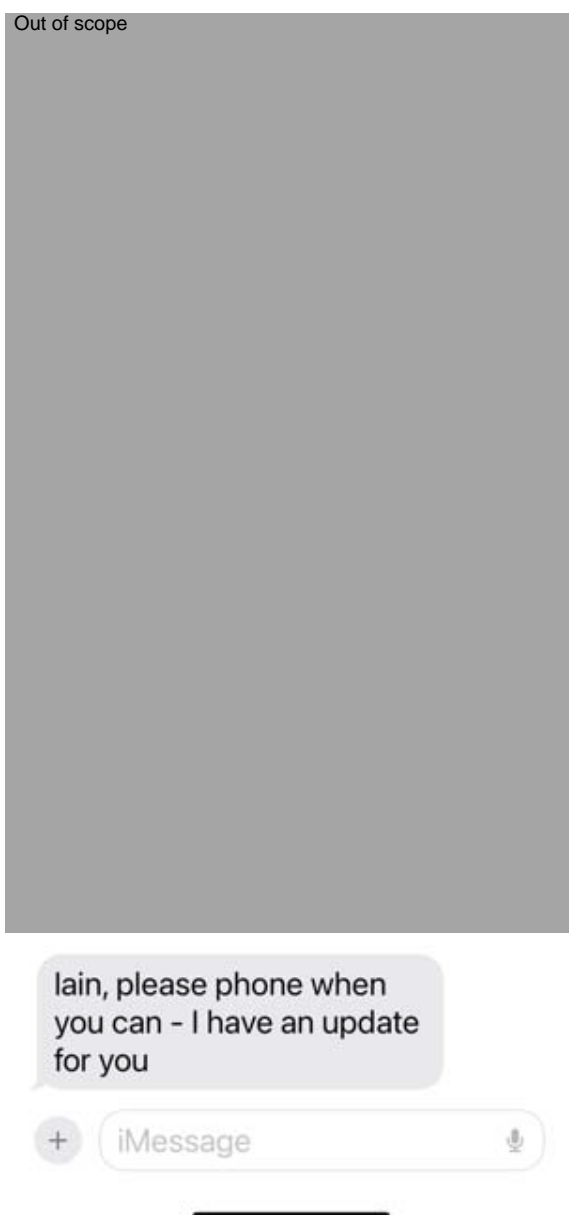
This reply addresses the information you requested. Under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Wood  
**Principal Advisor, Commercial Performance and Governance**







Wednesday, 5 March

5/03 1:44 pm

as you'll probably be aware: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/360603059/reserve-bank-governor-adrian-orr-resigns>

Udayan Mukherjee [TSY] 5/03 1:46 pm



Yep, thanks. Hope you are getting what you need directly from teams in James and Leilani's groups today to support the office. Give me a ring if I can help, but don't want to get in the way.

