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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0731

Dear David

**Official Information Act request for communications regarding Koru Club memberships**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 7 April 2024. You requested:

*“Could you please provide any communications sent across government departments/ministries regarding expectations/spending on Koru club memberships? I’m only interested if anything has been sent out widely across government, not communications only sent to individual departments/ministries.”*

I have interpreted your request to be for any information sent by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) to other government agencies regarding Koru club memberships.

I can advise that DPMC does not have responsibility for providing advice on such expenditure to other agencies. As such I am refusing your request in full under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by DPMC. Ordinarily I would seek to transfer your request to another agency, however, following conversations with Te Kawa Mataaho, the Public Service Commission, we have in this instance been unable to identify a suitable agency to transfer your request to.

Please note that government agencies are regularly asked to report to Select Committee on Koru Club memberships as part of the Annual Review process each year. Annual Reviews are published on the Parliament website at [www.parliament.nz/en/](http://www.parliament.nz/en/).

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s website.

Yours sincerely

Clare Ward  
**Executive Director,  
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