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Ref: PMO 058-2019

Dear Matthew Hooton

### **Follow-up to Official Information Act request relating to the digital and media expert group the Prime Minister met with on 5 April 2019**

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 6 April 2019 for:

*"The NZ Herald has reported that you [the Prime Minister] have 'put together a group of digital and media experts who met with [you] for the first time in Auckland on [Friday 5 April 2019] to discuss what happened and may be a sounding board and think tank for future policy proposals.' Please see: [https://www.nzherald.co.nz/politics/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=280&objectid=12219705](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/politics/news/article.cfm?c_id=280&objectid=12219705)*

*Under the OIA, I request:*

- 1. Who were these experts (and any others who were invited but could not attend)?*
- 2. Who selected them, when and what criteria was used?*
- 3. What were the objectives for the group and its first meeting?*
- 4. All notes taken by officials or ministerial staff at the first meeting.*
- 5. Information on future meetings and the objectives and work programme for the group."*

You asked the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the response to your request from this Office of 10 May 2019. Arising from that investigation, the Office of the Ombudsman has advised that you have requested a brief written explanation about the criteria used to select the members of the digital and media expert group referred to in your request.

The criteria used was having expertise relevant to the matters being discussed and seeking a spread of experts on the issue. As set out in my previous letter to you the aim was to ensure the group contained a mix of tech sector, legal and traditional media expertise.

Yours sincerely

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