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Win Walker

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Dear Win Walker

As you know, your Official Information Act request of 9 July 2019 to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, was transferred to me on 24 July as the information sought is more closely associated with my Police portfolio. You requested:

all correspondence email, text, minutes and scheduled meetings where Mr Nash has advised the PM on firearm buyback values.

There have been no items of correspondence, emails, texts, minutes or scheduled meetings where I have advised the Prime Minister on buy-back values. These issues were considered by the Cabinet Legislation Committee (of which the Prime Minister is a member) and by the Cabinet (chaired by the Prime Minister), not by way of correspondence, email, text or meetings with the Prime Minister, other than the aforementioned cabinet meetings. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information does not exist.

The relevant cabinet papers and other information (17 documents in all) have been published by New Zealand Police on the Police website <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/proactive-release-papers-relating-development-buy-back-scheme>. You will see that a number of the Police briefings included in this release were provided to several Ministers, including the Prime Minister. I hope you find the information released by Police of assistance.

I am advised that at least one further document will be proactively released by Police in the near future. There is in addition a great deal of information about firearms reform and its implications for some gun owners available on the Police website at <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms/>.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

Hon Stuart Nash
Minister of Police