



CABINET OFFICE

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Reference: OIA-2019/20-0045

Dear Mx Jem Traylen

**Official Information Act request: Cabinet Meeting Agendas for First 100 Days of Current Govt**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 21 July 2019. You requested:

*"...Please provide a copy of all agenda for Cabinet meetings from the first 100 Days of the Ardern Ministry..."*

Cabinet agendas form an essential, practical tool to inform and assist collective discussion between Ministers at Cabinet. These discussions are inherently confidential. The release of the sequence of Cabinet agendas requested would undermine the conventions of collective responsibility and confidentiality of Cabinet meetings by revealing the nature and content of these discussions.

For those reasons, I am withholding the requested agendas under section 9(2)(f)(ii) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect collective ministerial responsibility. I do not consider that there are any public interest considerations that outweigh the reasons for withholding the information.

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

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Hayward'.

Rachel Hayward  
**for Secretary of the Cabinet**