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Tēnā koe Kieran

**Your Departmental official information request, reference OIA2021-0206**

Thank you for your email of 6 October 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) from the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department):

*“all correspondence between your agency and the Minister for racing regarding Greyhound Racing between 1 Jan 2020 and 5 Oct 2020”*

The Department has conducted a thorough search and has determined it does not hold any information within the scope of your request. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

However, you may be interested to know that there are two documents that relate to the proposal in the Racing Industry Bill, now the Racing Industry Act 2020, to classify racing greyhounds as working dogs for the purpose of the Dog Control Act 1996. The documents are titled *Racing Industry Bill, Legislation Paper*; and *Racing Industry, Review of Racing Paper 1: Overview of the Final Racing Industry Reforms*. These documents can be found on the Department’s website at [www.dia.govt.nz/Proactive-Releases](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Proactive-Releases).

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa nā

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