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Alex Harris
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Dear Alex Harris

Official Information Act Request for Briefings with Bloggers

I refer to your official information request of 18 August 2014 for "*any briefings made to bloggers by the Prime Minister or his staff during the month of April 2014*".

If this Office held any information relevant to your request, such information would not be official information. Information on communications from this Office relating to the Prime Minister's role as a Minister of the Crown is deemed to be "official information" within the meaning of the Official Information Act 1982, whereas information on any other communications (such as Leader of the National Party, or as a Member of Parliament) is not and so is not subject to the Official Information Act. Accordingly, your request is formally declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act "*that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found*".

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Eagleson
Chief of Staff