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Alex Harris
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Dear Alex Harris

Official Information Act Request for Information on Identities of Emigrants from New Zealand

I refer to your official information request of 28 August 2014 for "*any briefings or communications the Prime Minister has received on the identity of people recently emigrating from New Zealand. Please note that I am not interested in the identities of those people, but in whether the Prime Minister has actually been told their names, and if so by who and for what reason.*"

You asked that your request be treated with urgency.

I can confirm that there is no information relevant to your request and it is therefore formally declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act on the basis that "*that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found*".

The statement made by the Prime Minister that referred to knowing the names of emigrants from New Zealand to Australia was in the context of a television debate. The Prime Minister was illustrating that the current net number of emigrants from New Zealand to Australia was very low.

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