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Alex Harris
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Dear Alex Harris

Official Information Act Request for Source of Claim

I refer to your request of 10 September 2014 which asked under the Official Information Act for *"the source for your claim that only 11% of children in poverty were from families where at least one parent worked"*.

The source of the information relevant to your request is the Ministry of Social Development report on *Household Incomes in New Zealand: Trends in Indicators of Inequality and Hardship* by Bryan Perry. This report is publically available on the Ministry's website. Accordingly, your request is formally declined under Section 18(d) on the basis *"that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available"*. Please note the statements made by the Prime Minister were made in the context of a televised leader's debate.

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

Yours sincerely

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Chief of Staff

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