



**Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs**

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Dear Harry Peterson

Request for information (OIA 2223-0172)

I refer to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's letter of 25 August 2022 to you informing of the partial transfer of your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request under section 14(b)(ii) to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department). The part of your request transferred to the Department is:

the contents of any seminars, workshops or meetings held to discuss the OIA with Ministers.

Response to your request

Ministerial Services at the Department has not held any seminars, workshops or meetings on the Official Information Act with Ministers. The Department is therefore refusing this part of your information request in accordance with the following parts of the Act:

- section 18(e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found; and
- section 18(g) that the information requested is not held by the Department or venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is -
 - (i) held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

Ministerial Resourcing is the part of the Department that supports Ministers and their offices. It has provided guidance material on the Act, supported by the Office of the Ombudsman, to new staff members working in Ministerial offices as part of discharging employer obligations for induction. Ministerial Resourcing has also facilitated the delivery of training workshops on the Act by the Office of the Ombudsman for Ministerial office staff as part of their professional development.

We intend to publish this OIA response on www.dia.govt.nz (with your personal details having been removed). Publishing responses to OIA requests increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the purpose of the Act to enable effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies, and to promote the accountability of Ministers and officials.

If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have a right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information on how to do this is available at [Ombudsman New Zealand – Tari o te Kaitiaki Mana Tangata](#) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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