

# Office of the Prime Minister

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Tēnā koe ASE

## Official Information Act request relating Klaus Schwab and/or the World Economic Forum (WEF)

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 8 September 2022. You requested:

*"In 2017, Klaus Schwab described how he and his World Economic Forum had "penetrated" governments to pursue his own agenda (as articulated both directly by him and via The World Economic Forum), in part via alumni of his "Young Global Leaders" programme.*

- 1) What is your relationship with Klaus Schwab?*
- 2) What is your relationship with The World Economic Forum?*
- 3) What is, and what has been, your role in advancing the agendas of The World Economic Forum and/or Klaus Schwab?*
- 4) What actions have you taken which may reasonably advance and/or be perceived to advance the agendas of Klaus Schwab and/or The World Economic Forum?*
- 5) What incentives, gifts, rewards, and promises (including but not limited to monetary, material, professional, invitations, participation, access, motivational, ideological incentives, gifts, rewards, and promises) have and/or had been offered and/or provided to you in relation to participating in the advancement of such agendas?*
- 6) Within the New Zealand government, who else are you aware of who has had, and/or currently has, a relationship with The World Economic Forum and/or Klaus Schwab?*

*Please note that all references to "and/or" are intended to be interpreted in the inclusive form, rather than any exclusive form."*

The Prime Minister, like many world leaders, has received books published by Professor Klaus Schwab and invitations to speak at conferences organised by the World Economic Forum (WEF). It is common for Prime Ministers to be invited to speak at events.

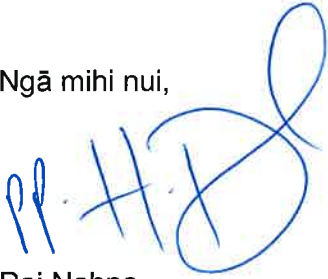
The Act enables people to request official information from Ministers and government agencies, including the Prime Minister's Office. However, the Act only applies to official information, as defined under section 2 of the Act, that is already held by this office.

Requests for an expression of opinion, as with your first three questions, are not considered requests for official information. Further, there is also no obligation for this office to create information in order to respond to a request.

We have refused your questions 4 and 5 under section 18(e) of the Act – that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. We have also refused question 6 under section 18(g) as the information you are seeking is not held.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Raj Nahna  
**Chief of Staff**