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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0194

Dear Charles Finley

Official Information Act request for a list of Cabinet papers or briefings which have not been proactively released

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 14 September 2023. You requested:

Please can you share a list of all cabinet papers or briefings from across agencies which have not been proactively released in the last 12 months of this government, and the reasoning for not releasing. I am not interested in those papers which arent released because of defence / security reasons, but interested in papers which were not released for other reasons (choice / timing etc.) Ideally the list will include: Paper title (and short descriptor if not decipherable from the title), Agency, Date, Reason for not being released proactively. ""

I refer to our email of 20 September 2023 advising that your request as currently worded is substantial in nature and is likely to be refused under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. We invited you to refine your request to include a list of Cabinet papers prepared by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) for the current Prime Minister that have not been proactively released. For the current Prime Minister this covers the timeframe from 25 January – 14 September 2023.

We have not received a response to our email and proposed refinement. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act. If you wish to submit a new request, we will assess it in accordance with the Act.

As advised, DPMC is not responsible for the publication of all Cabinet papers or briefing documents. These are typically published by the relevant Minister via their responsible agency. You may wish to consider making a request direct to other agencies for the requested information. Details on other government agencies are available on the following website: Welcome to Govt.nz | New Zealand Government (www.govt.nz).

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act. We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

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