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Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety



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T Murray

By email: [fyi-request-25191-d3684697@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-25191-d3684697@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear T Murray,

I am responding to your email of 15 December 2023, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The dates of your initial meeting with your portfolio departments*
- *A list of attendees at this meeting*
- *Any documentation provided at the meeting*
- *All notes (including handwritten notes) taken by you or your office staff at the meeting.*

Please note that this response relates solely to the Internal Affairs portfolio. I will be writing separately to you regarding the Workplace Relations and Safety portfolio.

I can advise you that my first meeting with officials from the Department of Internal Affairs took place on 28 November 2023 from 2:30pm to 3:00pm with the Chief Executive, Paul James. There were no other attendees present. No documentation was provided at this meeting, by either party, and I took no notes. Therefore, these parts of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to seek a review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'BW'.

Hon Brooke van Velden  
**Minister of Internal Affairs**