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Adam

By email: fyi-request-25304-2989b0a7@requests.fyi.org.nz
Office ref: MP OIA-002

Dear Adam

Response to your request for official information

I acknowledge your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was transferred from the Department of Internal Affairs to my office on 26 January 2024. You requested:

- "1. Please provide all correspondence between government ministers and Cameron Slater (formerly of Whale Oil blog and subject of the "Dirty Politics book).*
- 2. Please provide any information with regards to any meetings between Mr Slater and any government ministers."*

My office has conducted a search for information relating to your request, however no information could be found. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Hon Mark Patterson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Patterson'.