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Tēnā koe Michael

Request under the Official Information Act 1982 – correspondence with Cabinet Ministers

Thank you for your email of 1 January 2024, requesting the following information from Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Te Pūkenga):

... any correspondence via Te Pūkenga email systems between Chief of Staff - Ziena Jalil and any Cabinet Ministers (of the previous Labour government or the current National-led government)

This letter provides a formal decision on your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Email search and interpretation

We have interpreted your request to be for any email correspondence between Te Pūkenga Chief of Staff and any cabinet minister, from the time of her appointment (6 March 2023) to the time of your request.

An email search of the Chief of Staff's Te Pūkenga email address during this period was undertaken to see whether any emails were within the scope of your request.

The decision

We can confirm that there were no such emails. Therefore, we must refuse your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as *the information requested does not exist*.

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA if you are not happy with this response. Information about how to do this is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or by calling 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

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