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Tēnā koe Adam M

**Official Information Act request relating to Nicola Grigg's Ministerial portfolios during her maternity leave**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 9 February 2024. You requested:

- "1. is the Women's portfolio in hibernation during the Minister's leave? As suggested by her staff taking acting roles in other portfolios during her leave period.*
- 2. Please provide all communications, including minutes from meetings, where the portfolio/s of Nicola are discussed for the period during her leave. Including suggestions it slows down during this period. This includes staff communications about their acting positions or secondments elsewhere during her leave, or their "workload" etc during the period.*
- 3. how many Women's portfolio/Nicola Grigg staff are taking acting roles in other portfolios during the leave period?*
- 4. is the portfolio looked after by another minister during this period? If so, are Nicola's staff seconded to that acting minister during this period."*

For clarity, I have numbered the parts of your request from 1 to 4 as above. I refer to the letters dated 21 February 2024 and 4 March 2024 from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). Those letters advised that part 2 of your request was transferred to the Prime Minister, and parts 3 and 4 (in part) of your request were transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs. Parts 1 and 4 (in part) of your request remain with DPMC, and our response is set out below.

The Cabinet Office holds one document in scope of parts 1 and 4 of your request. I have decided to release the document in full. The document states that Hon Louise Upston will be Acting Minister for Women during Minister Grigg's period of absence from 18 December 2023 to 30 April 2024 (inclusive).

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

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We do not intend to publish this response on DPMC's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rg Hayward', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rachel Hayward  
**Secretary of the Cabinet**