

# Hon Paul Goldsmith

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Dear John,

## Official Information Act request: Stefan Sunde and Ernst & Young (EY)

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 13 July 2024, relating to correspondence with and about Stefan Sunde and EY. Specifically, you requested the following:

*"All correspondence with Stefan Sunde (Sunde is a member of the National party board of directors) all correspondence mentioning Stefan Sunde or "Stefan". Plus, all correspondence about EY (Ernst & Young or Ernst and Young) including: any mention of their 'scandal' 'secret drinking club' 'PR nightmare' 'sexual harassment'."*

On 25 July 2024, we wrote to you seeking to clarify the scope of your request and requesting a response by 31 July 2024. Specifically, this clarification was as follows:

*We have considered your request, and we are seeking clarification in order to provide you the information you are seeking. We have interpreted your request as only including mentions of Stefan and/or EY as it relates to Stefan Sunde or mentions of EY related to the matter you are inquiring about.*

*This would mean the following correspondence would be excluded from this response:*

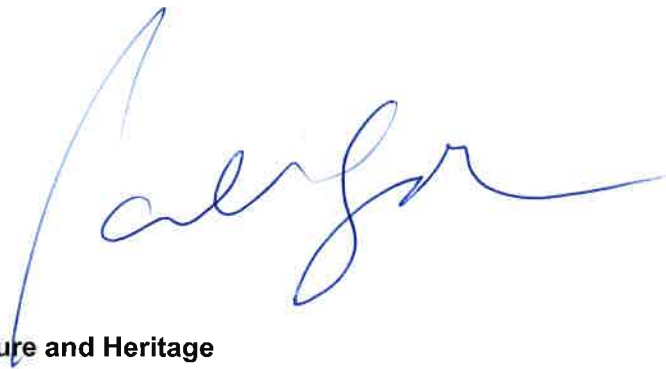
- 1. Correspondence including "Stefan" which refers to a different individual, and*
- 2. Correspondence including EY which is unrelated to the matter being inquired about - such as when an individual from EY has been included on a guest list.*

Unfortunately, my office did not receive a response from you. As such, we have interpreted your request in line with the above scope.

I am refusing this request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist. I have undertaken a search of my files using the key words you provided and have confirmed that I hold no correspondence in scope of your request.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or phone on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Goldsmith', is written over the typed name and titles.

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