

Hon Melissa Lee

Minister for Economic Development
Minister for Ethnic Communities
Associate Minister for ACC



John Luke
C/-FYI.org.nz
RE: OIA 2024/61

Dear John,

Thank you for your request of 13 July 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act (the Act) the following information:

"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'"

I can confirm that I have had no Ministerial correspondence with Stefan Sunde since my appointment as Minister.

I can also confirm that other than your information request I have had no correspondence mentioning Stefan Sunde as Minister.

Regarding the second part of your request for all correspondence about EY (Ernst & Young or Ernst and Young) I can confirm that my office have received correspondence since my appointment mentioning Ernst & Young in passing however none of this correspondence relates to the specific phrases you have sought after or have been identified as specifically from Ernst and Young.

A summary of correspondence mentioning Ernst and Young can be found below:

- An embargoed copy of the Kings Birthday Honours List with mention of Ernst & Young regarding one of the award recipients. The relevant excerpt is refused under s18(d) and can be found publicly here:
<https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/honours/lists/kb2024-onzm#daviesno>
- An embargoed copy of the Independent Review of Kāinga Ora with mention of Ernst & Young as a stakeholder in the Appendices. The relevant excerpt is refused under s18(d) and can be found publicly here:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-05/Independent%20Review%20of%20Kainga%20Ora.pdf>

- A BusinessDesk Daily Digest in March 2024 mentioning EY [Ernst & Young]. The relevant excerpt is refused under s18(d) and can be found publicly here: https://businessdesk.co.nz/article/news-in-brief/ey-chair-braden-dickson-leaves-after-historical-behavioural-matter-investigated?utm_source=Digest&utm_medium=email
- A copy of the TVNZ Financial Report for 2023. The relevant excerpt is refused under s18(d) and can be found publicly here: https://corporate.tvnz.co.nz/assets/Uploads/TVNZ_AnnualReport_2023_WEB.pdf
- A BusinessDesk Daily Digest in February 2024 mentioning EY. The relevant excerpt is refused under s18(d) and can be found publicly here: https://businessdesk.co.nz/article/law-regulation/bell-gully-succeeds-in-liquidation-bid-against-testing-company?utm_source=Digest&utm_medium=email
- Two invitations in 2024 mentioning Ernest and Young in passing that I believe are out of scope to the nature of your request. These relate to an invitation location and an attendee list of another event.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact m.lee@ministers.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Lee', with a horizontal line underneath.

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Authorised by Melissa Lee MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington