



Dear Brendon,

Thank you for your email of 14 July in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like you know if you have requested or been provided with any advise on the possibility of outlawing trade unions in this country.

The Minister has not received or requested any information on banning trade unions. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to seek a review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'BvV'.

Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety