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Dear Andrew

Official Information Act request: Advice on projects of local authorities

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 24 August 2024. You requested:

“In your speech this last week to local authority representatives you admonished local authorities for activities you described as 'laundry-list of distractions and experiments' and as 'fantasies'. Please provide copies of all reports, briefings, advice, and such similar communications you have received this year on this 'laundry-list of distractions and experiments' and of 'fantasies' allegedly being undertaken by local authorities.”

Your request for copies of documentation and communications received that relate to *this 'laundry-list of distractions and experiments' and of 'fantasies' allegedly being undertaken by local authorities* is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the documents you have requested do not exist.

However, the Prime Minister regularly meets with elected representatives from local government, often in informal settings, who raise requests for additional financial support for a range of initiatives.

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

Yours sincerely



Cameron Burrows
Chief of Staff