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Dear Alex

## Official Information Request Reference MOIA 2024-0254

I refer to your official information request dated 24 September 2024 for:

*"I Am writing to request a complete list of businesses based in Wellington that have been lobbying the Government to discourage or prevent public servants from working from home. Specifically, I would like to know:*

- 1. The names of these businesses.*
- 2. The types of businesses they operate.*
- 3. Any communication or correspondence they have had with your Office regarding this matter.*
- 4. The reasons or rationale they have provided for opposing remote work for public servants.*
- 5. Any scientific evidence or research supporting Nicola Willis' public statement made today, 23 September 2024, on this matter.*
- 6. Any findings from her agencies/departments of which she is the Minister of, including any advice/briefings/memos received by Nicola Willis in her capacity of Minister of Finance or received by her office, on the topic of public servants working from home."*

### Information does not exist

I do not hold a list of businesses that have contacted me on this matter. However, I have regular free and frank conversations with members of the public. I do not hold records of the dates of these conversations.

I am therefore refusing parts one to four of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

### Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available on Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website at the link provided in the table below.

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
1	21 August 2024	REPORT - Hybrid working in the New Zealand Public Service	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/publications">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/publications</a>
2	17 September 2024	REPORT – Hybrid Working – Next Steps	<a href="https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/publications">https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/publications</a>

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the documents.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Misty Mossman at [Misty.Mossman@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Misty.Mossman@parliament.govt.nz)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Hon Nicola Willis  
**Minister for the Public Service**