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Tēnā koe P Robins,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request OIA 2425-0430

I am responding to your email of 4 November 2024 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am politely and formally submitting a request for all communications, in any form, between the Department and the Office of the Minister of Local Government regarding the Wellington City Council for October 2024. This includes any exchanges between the Minister and the Secretary.

On 28 November 2024, we sought to clarify the scope of your request with you. Specifically, we sought to clarify whether you are seeking 'communications, in any form, between the Department and the Office of the Minister of Local Government regarding potential Crown intervention into the Wellington City Council for October 2024'.

We have not received a response from you and are interpreting your request as the above.

Extension of your request

Under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, the timeframe to respond to your request has been extended by five working days to 9 December 2024. This is because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that we cannot respond within the original time limit.

The Department will endeavour to provide you with a response earlier if possible.

Accessing the Ombudsman

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

Nāku noa, nā

Jeremy Cauchi

Director Ministerial and Monitoring

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