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Kia ora Julian

Official Information Act request 24.201

Thank you for your request of 7 May 2025 for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

What advice, if any, has Te Komihana Tauhokohoko given to the Minister of Social Development within the past year and this year about the projected impact of 1 April 2025 transmission and lines price rises on beneficiaries and requests for hardship assistance?

Our response

The Commission can confirm it has not provided specific advice to the Minister of Social Development about this matter. As such, we are refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA because the information requested does not exist.

However, it may interest you to know that the Commission has provided public estimates of the price impacts of its decisions which were widely reported in the media. Our public communications also included links to resources for consumers facing hardship.

You can find information on our decisions and their consumer price impact our website at: <https://comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/electricity-lines/electricity-lines-and-transmission-charges-what-are-they,-why-are-they-changing-and-what-does-this-mean-for-your-electricity-bill>

Further information

We hope this response has been helpful.

If you have any questions about this response, please do not hesitate to contact us at oia@comcom.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with our response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Finally, confirming the Commission will not publish this response on our website as part of our proactive release process.

Ngā mihi nui

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