

Rt Hon Winston Peters

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister for Racing

Minister for Rail



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Jackson Wood

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Dear Jackson Wood,

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2025 in which you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

“ - What source of information was the Deputy Prime Minister relying on when he referred to the leader of the opposition as a “sausage eater”? Please provide any relevant emails, correspondence, notes, briefings, or documents regarding this.

- What advice has the Deputy Prime Minister received on "sausage eaters", and is the Minister saying that sausage eaters cannot be trusted? Please provide any relevant emails, correspondence, notes, briefings, or documents regarding this.

- Is the Deputy Prime Minister referring to all types of sausage, or only a subset of sausages; if so, please clarify which types of sausage make a person untrustworthy. Please provide any relevant emails, correspondence, notes, briefings, or documents regarding this.

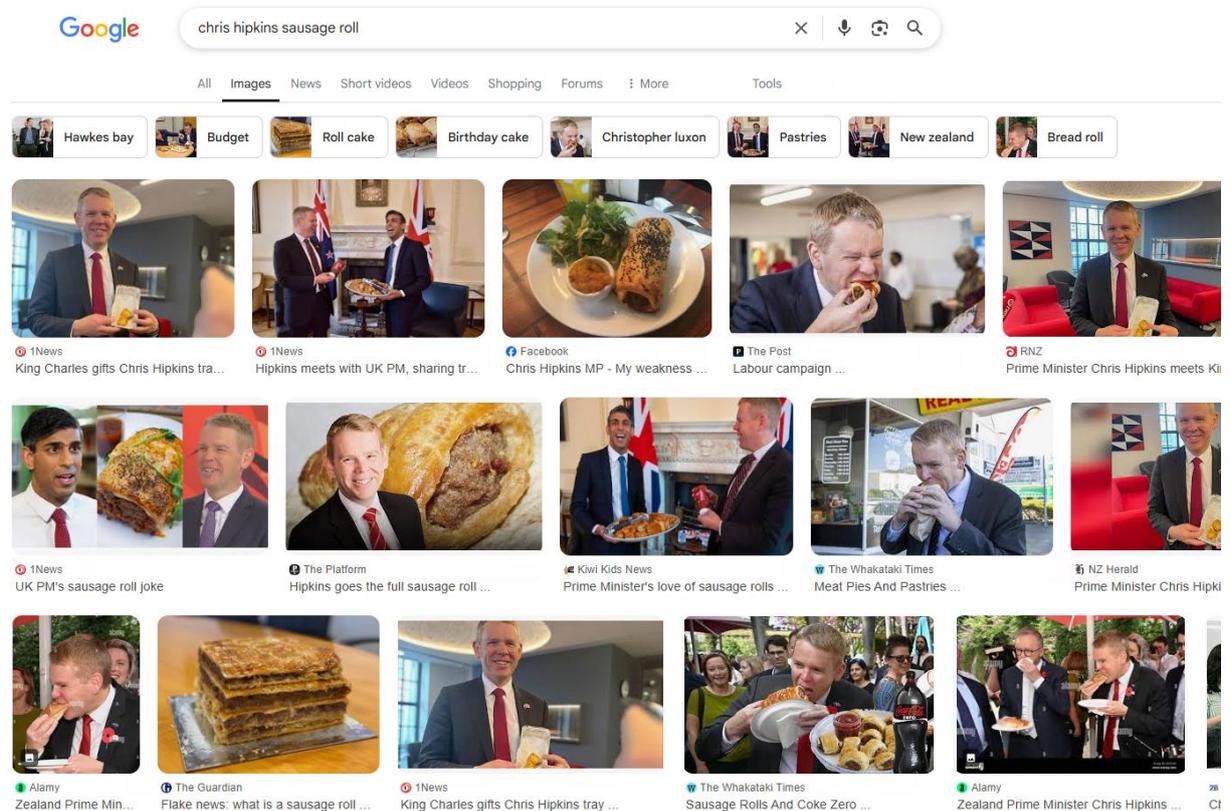
- Has the Deputy Prime Minister consulted with the sausage industry, and what if any meetings has he had with the sausage industry, whether on the topic of sausage eaters or otherwise? Please provide any relevant emails, correspondence, notes, briefings, or documents regarding this.

Please also provide the following documents:

- emails, notes, documents or briefings you, or your office, have received about Chris Hipkins' alleged sausage eating.

- emails, notes, documents or briefings you, or your office, have received which clarify how the consumption of sausages relates to knowing what a woman is.”

Let us paraphrase a well known saying attributed to Otto von Bismarck: “leaders are like sausage rolls, and it is best not to see them eating.” However, on this occasion and in the interest of your educational pursuits, my Office found the following information:



This Office holds no Official Information relating to your request. Therefore, we refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist.

If you have further concerns about this topic then you may wish to raise these with the Minister for Food Safety.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this 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.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Deputy Prime Minister