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to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in
State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions

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Ronda
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Tēnā koe Ronda,

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 26 September 2025, in which you requested the following information:

1. Records of any meetings between government officials (including you or your staff) and Meta representatives, such as minutes, notes, or attendee lists.
2. Any emails or letters between government officials and Meta about teen protections, age bans, or harmful content.
3. Any government reports or briefings on Meta's "Teen Accounts" and how well they work.
4. Details on the parliamentary inquiry into social media bans, including what Meta submitted.
5. Any proposals you're taking to Cabinet on protecting kids online.

On 6 October, **part 2** of your request was partially transferred, and **part 3** fully transferred to the Ministry of Education pursuant to sections 14(b)(i) and 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

I have considered your request under the Act.

In response to **parts 1 & 2** of your request, I have not met with Meta, nor have I received emails or letters from Meta on the topics you list. I am therefore refusing these parts of your request under section 18(e) as the information requested does not exist.

In response to **part 4** of your request, the Parliamentary Inquiry into the harm young New Zealanders encounter online and the roles that Government, business, and society should play in addressing those harms are the responsibility of the Education and Workforce Committee. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as this information is not held by me.

In response to **part 5** of your request, any proposals I may be taking to Cabinet are under active consideration. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erica Stanford', written in a cursive style.

Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education