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6 March 2026

B White
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Dear B White

Thank you for your email of 14 January 2026, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"You have been quoted in the media saying "We remind the Governor to stay in her New Zealand lane and stick to domestic monetary policy. That would have been the advice of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Governor had sought its advice, which she did not.

Please supply any official information you hold in relation to this comment substantiating the claims made. This may be, but is not limited to, information supplied by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade."

On 13 February 2026, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 15 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

Response to your request

Your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade website via the following link:

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/OIA/OIA-2026/OIA-30645-Communications-regarding-Reserve-Bank-of-New-Zealand-Statement-4-March-2026.pdf>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackson Burgess'.

Jackson Burgess
Private Secretary (Advisory/Media)