



27 March 2026

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Ref: PMO OIA 725-2025-26

Dear M. Herle

Official Information Act request: Funding information and correspondence with Zero Invasive Predators

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received by this office on 6 March 2026. You requested:

"I am requesting information on the formal and informal correspondence between the Prime Minister, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (e.g., staff, aids) and Al Bramley of Zero Invasive Predators (ZIP) within the time frame of January 2023 - present. Specifically, I am requesting to receive information and correspondence on the following topics:

- 1. The nature of funding and project requests coming from ZIP to the Prime Minister and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (e.g., formal and informal correspondence showing funding communication processes, asks for funding, confirmation of funding).*
- 2. The total amount of funding ZIP has received from the Prime Minister or Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in the specified time frame, including funding that would extend beyond present day (e.g., ending in 2029).*
- 3. The total number of contracts held by the Prime Minister or Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in the specified time frame.*
- 4. Text on the deliverables that correspond to the funding ZIP has received from the Prime Minister or Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (What is the money being used for).*
- 5. Information on total contract lengths and/or funding lengths for the specified time frame.*
- 6. Information the areas of New Zealand that ZIP is using the funding to work within.*
- 7. Email correspondence and any other correspondence that was involved in the process of deciding and awarding said funding to ZIP including, but not limited to, correspondence from the Prime Minister or Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet."*

This office can only respond to your request in relation to information that is held by the Prime Minister or his office. We only hold official information from 27 November 2023, the date the current Prime Minister came to office.

As you have asked for any relevant information held by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), I am partially transferring your request to DPMC for any relevant information DPMC may hold. This partial transfer is made under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) holds email correspondence with former Prime Ministers. Accordingly, I am partially transferring your request for any relevant email correspondence held by the former Prime Ministers, Rt Hon Chris Hipkins and Rt Hon Dame Jacinda Ardern, for the period 1 January 2023 to 26 November 2023 to DIA under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act as I believe it is more closely connected to the functions of DIA.

As it is already outside of the ten working day time limit for transferring a request, I have extended the time-limit available by 10 working days to make these partial transfers under section 15(A) of the Act. This extension is required because of the consultation needed to make a decision on your request.

DIA and DPMC have the usual time limits under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

I will respond to you again shortly in relation to any information identified as relevant to your request that is held by this office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Burrows', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cameron Burrows
Chief of Staff