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Kia ora M. Herle,

Request for information (OIA 2526-1038)

Thank you for your request for information made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was partially transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on 27 March 2026. The following was transferred to the Department for response:

I am requesting information on the formal and informal correspondence between the Prime Minister, and Al Bramley of Zero Invasive Predators (ZIP) within the time frame of 1 January 2023 to 26 November 2023. Specifically, I am requesting to receive information and correspondence on the following topics

I understand that the office of Rt Hon Christopher Luxon and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet will be responding to the other parts of your request.

Background Information

The Department's Ministerial Services business group is deemed to hold the records of former Ministers of the Crown. However, we do not have the ability to perform searches on the parliamentary server where the electronic records are held. To locate and retrieve former Minister's information we require Parliamentary Service to run the required searches on our behalf.

When commissioning a search of such records on the parliamentary server, we provide Parliamentary Service with specific keywords, dates or topics, in an effort to produce the most accurate and manageable output. The search for electronic records captures information saved by the Minister or staff in the office.

There are limitations with searches for former Ministers' records as key word searches often capture any reference of the word or term used (e.g., media alerts or correspondence from members of the public). In addition, items identified can be duplicates saved in multiple places or variations of an email chain.

Response to your request

The Department's response is limited to the part of your request that relates to communications between the offices of the former Prime Ministers:

- Rt Hon Dame Jacinda Ardern between 1 January 2023 and 25 January 2023;
- Rt Hon Chris Hipkins between 25 January 2023 and 26 November 2023.

We commissioned the following searches:

Time period	Office	Key words
1 January 2023 – 25 January 2023	Rt Hon Dame Jacinda Ardern	'Al Bramley' and 'Zero invasive predators'
25 January 2023 26 November 2023	Rt Hon Chris Hipkins	'Al Bramley' and 'Zero invasive predators'

I can confirm that there were no search results returned. As such, your request for information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have a right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information on how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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