

Office of Rt Hon Winston Peters

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister for Racing
Minister for Rail



20 April 2026

Hanna Pataka

Dear Hanna Pataka,

Thank you for your email request dated 19 March 2026, in which you made the following Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request:

1. Briefings and advice

Please provide:

- Any briefings, aide memories, or advice provided to the Rt Hon Winston Peters referring to Jade Paul.
- Any briefings or advice relating to her role, employment history, or departure from a ministerial office

2. Communications

Please provide communications (including emails, messages, and meeting notes) within the Minister's office that refer to:

- Jade Paul
- Any association between Jade Paul and Travis Ancelet, Ministerial Advisor to Hon Casey Costello
- Any consideration of how such matters should be addressed or managed

3. Public statements and media handling

Please provide:

- Any communications, talking points, or advice prepared in relation to public statements concerning Jade Paul
- Any records relating to the development of responses to media enquiries or public commentary

4. Awareness and Timing

Please provide records indicating

- When the Minister or his office first became aware of Jade Paul's role in a ministerial office
- When the Minister or his office first became aware of any association between Jade Paul and Travis Ancelet
- Any subsequent discussions or actions taken in light of that awareness

5. Inter-office communications

Please provide communications between the Minister's office and:

- The Office of Hon Casey Costello

- Ministerial services or relevant departments
- That refer to Jade Paul or related matters.”

All parts of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you have requested does not exist.

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.govt.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Burgess', written in a cursive style.

Jackson Burgess

Private Secretary (Advisory/Media)