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Tēnā koe Matthew,

Official Information Act request relating to the Prime Minister's Matai title

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 20 March 2026. You requested:

"I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding the initial Christopher Luxon Matai claim as reported in the media this week.

Timeline of Events: Please provide a detailed timeline of events related to the Prime Minister's Matai claim, including all significant dates and actions taken by relevant agencies.

Involved Agencies: Specifically, I request information about the roles and communications of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and the High Commissioner to Samoa concerning the initial Matai claim.

Documentation: Any documents, reports, minutes from meetings, or correspondence that relate to the claim across the mentioned agencies.

Decision-Making Process: Information regarding the decision-making processes by DPMC, MFAT, and the High Commissioner to Samoa concerning this claim, including any policies or guidelines that were followed.

Public Interest Consideration: If any part of this information request is denied, please provide justification for the refusal and outline any public interest considerations that were taken into account.."

I believe the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to the Prime Minister under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

The Prime Minister has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Nākū noa, nā,

Jenna Hansen
Manager, Accountability and Ministerial Services