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Kia ora Adam,

Request for information (OIA 2526-1174)

Thank you for your request for information made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) received on 7 May 2026. You requested the following information:

Please provide all communications between any current and previous government ministers (for this term of government) and Ani Obrien (the X user that complained about Maike Sherman).

Response to your Request

The Department can respond to your request insofar as it pertains to former Ministers. 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, to produce the most accurate and manageable output. The search for electronic records captures information saved by the Minister or staff in the office.

In this case, a search using the parameters you provided us produced no results. Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Regarding current ministers, you would need to contact their offices separately, which can be done at Ministers | Beehive.govt.nz.

We may publish this OIA response on www.dia.govt.nz (with your personal details having been removed). Publishing responses to OIA requests increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the purpose of the Act to enable effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies, and to promote the accountability of Ministers and officials.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'BRIGET RIDDEN', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Briget Ridden

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