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Alex Harris
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Dear Alex Harris

Official Information Act Request for Information on the Potential Costs of an Asset Sales Loyalty Scheme

I refer to your official information request of 24 July 2012 which asked "*on 24 July 2012, the Prime Minister claimed that his proposed asset sales bonus scheme would cost between \$60 and \$80 million.... I would like to request ... all advice on the costings referred to above. I'm particularly interested in where they originated (e.g. Treasury or the Prime Minister's office), when the work was done (before or after the National Party conference), and of course the advice itself.*"

The Prime Minister did not claim that the loyalty scheme would cost a certain amount. Details of the scheme are yet to be decided so a costing would be impossible, and no advice has been received on this. The Prime Minister simply ran through a hypothetical example to show that the sorts of costs being reported, including those in the NZ Herald, were highly unrealistic.

As the Prime Minister was not provided with any specific advice, your request is formally declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act – "*that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist ...*".

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Eagleson
Chief of Staff