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Scout Barbour-Evans

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Ref: PMO 070-2017

Dear Scout Barbour-Evans

Official Information Act request relating to Todd Barclay

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 20 June 2017 which asked:

- a) *"Could you please release the correspondence between yourself and Todd Barclay (and his staff members) that shows the public when you found out about Todd's illegal recordings, and your response?"*

Only information held in the Rt Hon Bill English's capacity as a Minister of the Crown is official information for the purposes of the Official Information Act 1982. Information that is held by Mr English in any other capacity, such as Leader of the Parliamentary National Party, or as a private individual (including being a member of the National Party), is not official information.

I can confirm that no official information has been identified that is relevant to your request. Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the basis *"that the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either-*

- (i) held by another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or a local authority; or*
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority."*

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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