



CABINET OFFICE

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Dear Jem

Official Information Act request: Agenda of first Cabinet meeting

- 1 Thank you for your request, under the Official Information Act 1982, for “a copy of the agenda for the first meeting of the current Cabinet”.
- 2 Cabinet met immediately following the appointment of the new administration, on the afternoon of 26 October 2017.
- 3 Cabinet agendas form an essential, practical tool to inform and assist collective discussion. The Cabinet Office has maintained a long-held view that the release of agendas would risk undermining the conventions of collective responsibility and confidentiality of Cabinet and Cabinet committee meetings. For that reason, I am withholding the full agenda under section 9(2)(f)(ii) of the OIA.
- 4 However, one item that was considered at the first Cabinet meeting has been publicly released by the Prime Minister. A copy of the Minute for that item is **enclosed**.
- 5 You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Webster'.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet