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Sam T

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Dear Sam T

Thank you for your query, received on 2 May 2018. You requested of the Prime Minister:

"...your views on the topic of pineapple on pizza and the age old question, does it belong? Further, I also wish to see your personal views on the trans community and how you are planning on helping them under your government"

Before I respond to your questions, I must first note that official information as defined by section two of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) refers to information held by "a Minister of the Crown in [their] official capacity". Information that is held in any other capacity, such as Leader of the New Zealand Labour Party, as a Member of Parliament, or as a private individual, is not official information and falls outside the scope of the Act. I must further note that this is a coalition government, and as such, government, not Labour policy, applies.

However, I appreciate your questions about the trans community and how the Prime Minister plans to help, and would like to respond as fully as I am able. I would like to begin by assuring you of this Government's commitment to improving the lives of all Rainbow New Zealanders, including those who identify as within the trans community. The Prime Minister feels very supportive of the trans community and looks forward to the day when all members of the Rainbow community feel empowered, and have formal equality under the law.

As leader of the Labour party, the Prime Minister personally plans to implement Labour's Rainbow Policies, available online here: <https://www.labour.org.nz/rainbow>, within the paradigms of the coalition government. The Prime Minister, as well as the other members of Labour's Rainbow caucus, are continuing to progress conversations on delivering their Rainbow policies with their coalition partner New Zealand First and the Green Party.

With regards to your question about pizza; while not official information either, I am told that the Prime Minister does not mind pineapple on pizza (but does not actively request it).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Munro'.

Mike Munro
Chief of Staff