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Mr David Farrar
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Dear David

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 12 October 2018. You requested:

"Between 1 January 2018 and 31 August 2018, how many e-mails have you, in a ministerial capacity, sent or received through e-mail accounts that are not administered by The Parliamentary Service or The Department of Internal Affairs?"

While the vast majority of work relating to my portfolio is conducted on my Parliamentary or Ministerial account, I do have a private email account. All information on that account is maintained in accordance with the Public Records Act and is made available for Official Information Act requests, as appropriate.

As you would reasonably expect, I have used my private email when I cannot access my Ministerial email when I am overseas or unable to use the Parliamentary network to do things such as receiving photos, printing and receiving information about meetings I am attending, or sending information to my staff. This is done on a very limited number of occasions and is made available for an Official Information Act request.

To give you an exact number would require substantial research, but to be helpful I have made an estimate which would be roughly ten times this year.

I do not consider such use to be substantive in terms of my Ministerial role or to be conducting business in my Ministerial capacity.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Robertson'.

Hon Grant Robertson
Minister of Finance