

13 July 2020

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Our ref: OIA 81304

Dear Mr Watson

Official Information Act request: Cabinet Papers relating to The Treaty of Waitangi and the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Your request was subsequently refined on 20 March 2020 and then transferred to the relevant agencies. The Ministry of Justice received your request on 3 April 2020 as follows:

*“(a) all Cabinet papers since 2005 which discuss the constitutional status of the Treaty of Waitangi.
(b) all Cabinet papers relating to the foreshore and seabed act 2004”*

The Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) accepted the transfer of parts a) and b) of your request and subsequently extended your request on 6 May 2020 making the new due date for release 30 July 2020. The Ministry of Justice is on track to make a release of documents relating to part a) of your request by 30 July 2020.

After further consultation, I believe that part b) of your request is more closely related to the functions and responsibilities of the Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti. Therefore, I am transferring part b) of your request to them for response. I apologise the transfer is late.

The Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti will be in touch with you in due course.

If you require any further information, please contact Jerram Watts, Acting Team Leader, Media and External Relations, by calling (04) 918 8980; or emailing media@justice.govt.nz

If you are not satisfied with my decision to transfer your request, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely


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