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Dear Dev

Thank you for your email of 12 April 2020 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

I would like to have any information on potential minimum wage plans in the future after the increase to \$20 in 2021. I am aware that this is a political matter and could change easily but am wanting any general consensus on where it would go by 2025. Could I also please get any papers supporting this as evidence.

I apologize for the delay in responding to your inquiry, caused by the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety has a statutory obligation under section 5 of the Minimum Wage Act 1983 to review minimum wage rates by 31 December each year.

Please note that there is no obligation for the Minister to increase the minimum wage in any given year, but only to review it against a number of factors which are made up of various economic indicators.

Beyond 2021, MBIE does not hold any information on potential minimum wage plans for the future. We hold no information on what decisions the Minister might make with regard to the Minimum Wage in 2021 or in the years ahead.

I am therefore refusing your request on the grounds that the information you are seeking does not exist, in accordance with s18e of the Official Information Act 1982.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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