



10 August 2020

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Reference: OIA-2020/21-0039

Dear Mr Thompson

Official Information Act request relating to a formal inquiry into the eruption on Whakaari/White Island referenced in CAB-19-MIN-0692

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 24 July 2020. You requested:

“Cabinet Minute CAB-19-MIN-0692 included the following statement:

5. Noted that further consideration will be given in the new year to whether a formal inquiry will be needed into matters relating to the eruption on Whakaari/White Island in addition to the current investigations being undertaken; Under the provisions of the Official Information Act I request the documentation as prepared in the new year relating to the consideration in Note 5 above including the subsequent decision by Cabinet (or other body) on a formal inquiry.”

No decision on the proposal to hold a formal inquiry into matters relating to the eruption on Whakaari/White Island has been made. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

Tony Lynch
Deputy Chief Executive
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