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Dear John Smith

Official Information Act request 2021 0619

I refer to your Official Information Act (OIA) request transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on 30 April 2021, requesting the following information:

- 1. Could you please provide any and all documentation and communications relating to the procurement process of electric vehicles, including but not limited to Audi eTron, for use in the ministerial fleet.*
- 2. Could you please provide any and all documentation and communications relating to any further planned procurement of electric vehicles, including but not limited to Audi eTron, for use in the ministerial fleet.*

As advised in the Department's email to you of 10 May 2021, the scope of this request is very large as it covers a process implemented over several years for which there is a large quantity of information generated by multiple people and in multiple formats over that time period.

On 10 May 2021 and again on 20 May 2021, the Department contacted you to advise we would therefore likely decline your request due to the substantial amount of collation required to respond and asked if you wished to refine your request.

As we have not received a response to our email communication, we are declining your OIA request under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I do not consider that charging you or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would alleviate the administrative work involved in responding to your current request.

The Department is happy to work with you to provide specific documents or a timeline summary of the procurement process of electric vehicles if you would like to receive this.

If you have any concerns with the decision referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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