



10 June 2021

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Reference: OIA-2020/21-0643

Dear Lional Jones

Official Information Act request relating to employment investigations in ministers' offices

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 31 May 2021. You requested:

"1. From the start of October 2017 to today's date, how many separate investigations were carried out involving staff either employed in Minister's offices or supporting Minister's offices, and break down into:

- A) Complaints made against Ministers versus complaints made against either staff in Minister's offices, or supporting Minister's offices*
- B) Number of staff that resigned during or after an investigation involving them*
- C) Number of staff that were otherwise dismissed or left employment or were redeployed during or after an investigation involving them*
- D) Number of complaints that resulted in a payment at the conclusion (regardless of outcome) of an investigation*
- E) As at today's date, the number of open or ongoing investigations involving staff either employed in Minister's offices or supporting Minister's offices "*

In your request you advise that: *"staff supporting Minister's offices" shall be defined as staff employed by Parliamentary or Ministerial Services".*

I believe that the part of your request for information relating to staff employed by Ministerial Services in Ministers' offices is more closely connected to the functions of the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department). Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer this part of your request to the Department.

In regard to your request for information relating to staff employed by Parliamentary Service in Ministers' offices, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department. Please note that the Parliamentary Service is not subject to the Act

The Department has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Business Services