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James

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Dear James

Thank you for your email of 23 June 2021 requesting information relating to the Public Affairs branch of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*'I understand that an external review of parts of the Public Affairs business unit in MPI was recently conducted.*

*In accordance with the Official Information Act, can you please provide an outline of why a review was needed, an estimate of the costs to undertake this review, and a copy of any final reports/review findings or output documents.*

*If the first part of this request is not able to be completed with the information given (due for example to there being multiple reviews that could fit the criteria) please provide a list of all reviews, internal and external that have been conducted on the Public Affairs business unit (whether whole or in part) in the last 24 months. Please indicate the approximate cost of the reviews, and the end result (report and report title).'*

The Public Affairs Branch of MPI was established on 1 July 2019 following a restructure. Prior to 2019, a branch called the Office of the Director General (ODG) existed. At the time of the 2019 realignment, ODG was split into two branches – Public Affairs and Compliance & Governance. The Communications Directorate within the Public Affairs branch then also underwent a restructure in late 2019. Since the establishment of Public Affairs, there have been no internal or external reviews of any parts of the branch. As such, your request is declined under section 18(g) of the OIA, as MPI does not hold the information you have requested.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Taylor'.

Catherine Taylor  
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