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Ref: PMO 2021-200

Dear Harry Peterson

## Official Information Act request for records of Ministerial travel by the Prime Minister during Alert Level 4

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 28 August 2021. You requested:

*"I am requesting records of all Ministerial travel undertaken by the Prime Minister during August's alert level four lockdown."*

The Prime Minister flew from Auckland to Wellington in the afternoon of Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August. The decision and announcement of moving New Zealand to Alert Level 4 was not made until later in the evening of Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, and came into effect at 11.59pm that night.

As of the date of your request, the Prime Minister has not undertaken any domestic or international ministerial travel during Alert Level 4. The Prime Minister has been located in Wellington.

Accordingly, I have refused your request for records of Ministerial travel by the Prime Minister during Alert level 4 under section 18(e) of the Act – that the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna  
Chief of Staff